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Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon, flanked by reporters and cameramen, leaving the government house in Bangkok on Wednesday.

Moldova Accuses Russian Army of Aiding Rebels

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - As violence escalated around the southern fringes of the former Soviet Union. Moldova accused the newly established Russian Army of aggression and appealed for international help.

The Moldovan president, Mircea Snegur, said that Russian soldiers stationed in Moldova had broken out of their barracks and deployed tanks, artillery and armored vehicles in support of Slavs fighting for independence from Moldova.

In a telegram to President Borjs N. Yeltsin of Russia, Mr. Snegur warned that the fighting could grow into an "interna-tional and interstate armed conflict with the direct and decisive participation of the Russian 14th Army." Russian military spokesmen denied Moldovan assertions

the conflict, which has claimed more than 100 lives since March. But they acknowledged that soldiers had been ordered out of their barracks to "defend" Russian-speaking areas and that some heavy weapons had fallen into the hands of secessionists who have established a "Dniester republic."

The surge in fighting in Moldova, which has an ethnic Romanian majority, coincided with further clashes between Christian Armenia and Muslim Azerbaijan in the southern Caucasus region. In the third Caucasus republic, Georgia, at least 35 people were reported to have been killed when unidentified men fired on a bus containing refugees from the breakaway region of South Ossetia.

The latest developments in Moldova reflected the strains

that the 14th Army, which was transferred to Russian in the Russian Army since the collapse of the Soviet Union jurisdiction last month, had abandoned its neutral stance in December. Hundreds of thousands of Russian troops are stationed outside the boundaries of Russia proper in the Baltic states. Central Asia and Moldova. Mr. Yeltsin has promised to bring the troops back home to Russia eventually. But there is a danger that they could be dragged into disputes on the side of the local Russian-speaking minorities in these areas.

The commander of the 14th Army, Major General Yuri Netkachev, said in a television interview that he had ordered armored units to defend the towns of Dubossary, Koshnitse and Dubovskoye, which Moldovan militiamen had subject-

General Netkachev told the Moscow-based newspaper See MOLDOVA, Page 5

Thai King Steps In, **Urging End to Crisis**

A Setback **To ASEAN Stability**

By Michael Richardson SINGAPORE - As some Western countries sharpen their protests against military repression in Bangkok, Thai-land's partners in the Association of South East Asian Nations find themselves in an increasingly difficult dilemma. Although they are alarmed that the violence in the Thai

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capital may harm ASEAN's reputation as a stable haven for investment, tourism and economic growth, member states are reluctant to intervene for fear of splitting the group and prolonging the con-flict in Thailand.

The Thai military crack-down also threatens to slow ASEAN's plans to create a regional free trade area within 15 years and complicates moves to draw Vietnam into a closer relationship.

In the only official comment by any of Thailand's partners, Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, secretary-general of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, said that Kuala Lumpur was "very concerned because what hurts Thailand will also hurt Malay-sia and others in ASEAN." The press in ASEAN conn-

tries has been giving the trou-ble in Thailand daily frontpage play, using reports from Western news agencies and special correspondents. The papers are also publishing See ASEAN, Page 5

In Talks, 2 Sides Agree To Reform Constitution

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

BANGKOK - The King of Thailand, with the nation's prime minister at his feet, obtained an agreement Wednesday that could end clashes between soldiers and democracy demonstrators that have left scores of people dead this week on streets only a few hundred

feet from the king's palace. In a nationwide television broad-cast shown shortly after midnight Wednesday, King Bhumibol Adulyadej could be seen meeting in a gilded reception room at the palace with Thailand's beleaguered prime minister, General Suchinda Kraprayoon, and with the leader of the nation's democracy movem Chamlong Srimuang. The king

urged the two men to "prevent fighting in our own bouse." "I would like both of you to talk face-to-face, not to confront each other," the king said. "Try to solve this problem.

General Suchinda and Mr. Chamlong — who, as is Thai tradi-tion, approached the monarch on their knees and then sat before him on the carpeted floor — listened intently to the words of King Bhumbol. a much-beloved constitutional monarch who is the nation's unifying symbol. The king has vast, if only rarely exercised, influence with Thais from all walks of life.

The king's intervention in the crisis, which many Thais say is their best hope for ending violence that has this week made several neigh-borhoods of Bangkok resemble charred war zones, produced almost immediate results.

Appearing together in a separate television broadcast early Thursday morning, General Suchinda and Mr. Chamlong announced an agreement, reached at the king's request to negotiate an end to the clashes, in which at least 40 people

General Suchinda and Mr. Chamlong said that they had agreed to amend the constitution as soon as possible to require the prime minister to be elected, not appointed, although it was left un-clear whether the amendments would apply retroactively to Mr. Suchinda.

The appointment of General Suchinda as prime minister — he has neversion for office and until last month was the nation's supreme military commander — is what set off this week's violent clashes. General Suchinda also said that

In Bangkok's streets, "all the peo-ple can do is die." Page 5.

Mr. Chamlong and thousands of other demonstrators arrested this week would go free. Mr. Chamlong was freed to attend the meeting

with the king.

For his part, Mr. Chamlong called on his supporters to end their democracy demonstrations, at

"I would like to tell the people not to support the protests any more," Mr. Chamlong said. King Bhumibol's intervention

raised hopes of a quick end to the crisis, although it did not seem likely to end the more immediate debate over the future of General Suchinda, a former army com-mander whose resignation as prime minister had been demanded by the demonstrators.

News agencies reported earlier from Bangkok:

At issue was not just the prime minister's office, but the dominant role in politics of the military, who have staged 17 coups in the last 60

The most recent of the cours was led last year by General Suchinda, who promised then that he would

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Rising Imports Expand U.S. Trade Gap

Tracking U.S. Trade monthly, in billions of dollars.

-8 MAMJJASONDJEM Source: U.S. Commerce Dept.

deficit suddenly widened sharply in March, the government reported Wednesday as the economic recovery restored the appetite of American consumers for foreign goods. Economists disagreed about how threatening the trend was.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that imports rose 4.5 percent, to \$42.79 billion. and exports reversed their rising trend, falling by 1.8 percent, to \$36.98 billion. The trade gap jumped to \$5.82 billion last month from 53.9 billion in February, its narrowest level in almost nine

Foreign trade, especially ex-

bright spots in the sluggish revival shiploads of grain can account for of the U.S. economy. This was the what happened in March." NEW YORK — The U.S. trade second piece of bad news in as Michael Niemira of Mitsubishi many days after the report on Tuesday of a slowdown in house building, which traditionally leads

U.S. economic recoveries.

The dollar was initially shaken by the trade data, but it firmed later in the day because the Federal Reserve Board failed to meet market expectations and reduce interest rates. Stocks were mixed and bonds fell, also reacting to the

Economists said the export decline and import rise could be partly accounted for by volatile factors. David Munro of High Frequency Economics contended that exports were still growing at an underlying Foreign trade, especially ex-mi ports, has been one of the few out one less airliner and a few less

Bank said imports from Asia could have been skewed by a West Coast dock strike earlier this year that

bunched arrivals into March. But others spotted a potential problem in the growth of imports. Said David H. Resler of Nomura Securities Co.: "As the U.S. economy shifts toward growth ahead of the rest of the world, it will have as bias toward imports."

The increase in imports also provides the missing piece of a puzzle that showed inventories rising and production down earlier this year but retail sales rising. Where did the additional goods come from?
"They came from abroad," said

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Out of Spotlight, Clinton Finds His Voice

By David Maraniss Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES - There stood Bill Clinton on the stage of the own right: the largest fund-reiser Palace Theater, jaw set, ever glis-tening, as he reached the conciu-munity for a presidential candision of a speech in which he promised that as president he would lift the federal ban on homosexuals in the military and launch a Manhattan Project-style effort to combat the AIDS epidemic. He lowered his voice and spoke slowly, looking out at a crowd that national candidates once shanned or ignored.

"This country is being killed," Mr. Clinton said, his voice choking on the word killed, "by people who try to break us down, lear us down and make us little when we have to

rise to the challenge."

The moment was historic in its munity for a presidential candi-

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date. It raised an estimated \$100,000, But for Mr. Clinton, governor of Arkansas and the beneficiary of the event here Monday night, it could turn out to be a turning point in his campaign, a point where it seemed that his political and emotional sides converged to give his voice a deeper sense of conviction.

Over the past few days, at a time

be big. This is a big time — let us when most of the country is paying relative lack of attention Mr. Clin-rise to the challenge." when most of the country is paying relative lack of attention Mr. Clin-titude attention to him. Mr. Clinton ton has received recently, it is that seems to have found his voice. Whether this is a new Chaten or the real Clinton might be debatable, but most people who have seen and listened to him this week have noticed that something is dif-

> "He's starting to make the emotronal case in a way that no Demo-crat has in years, said Luke Breit. a political consultant in San Diege.
> "His heart is coming out now. felt with Dukakis, Dukakis tried to be competent. Democrats can't be Democrats without that deep emo-

If there is a positive side to the

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service

invasion, thousands of World War II veterans are coming

For many, like the men of the United States Army Air Force's 452d Bomb Group, it is an occasion for sweet

reunion. More than 70 veterans of the unit joined local

townspeople last week in this rural section of Norfolk, to

place a stone marker where runways long ago crossed the

open farm fields, launching B-17s toward targets across

But for others, like Walter Comer and Richard Byrd.

army veterans who were among the first American troops

to arrive in England, their journey back has involved a

more personal, and more difficult, search: They spent

more than a week in London and Liverpool recently.

trying to track down their children, whom they have never

DEOPHAM GREEN, England - They were teen-

ton has received recently, it is that the candidate and his advisers have had the time to refine the style and substance of his message, which at various points over the past five months suffered from being too diffuse, list-laden, complicated or dispassionate. While Mr. Clinton could show his mastery of an issue or re-eal his innermost feelings, these two sides of him until recently were rarely evident in one place

rhetorical power can be attributed to a strategy meeting last Friday in Little Rock, Arkansas, where the

Part of Mr. Clinton's new-found

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A Serbian family fleeing the fighting on Wednesday sheltering in a tractor at Bijeljina, Bosnia. Nostalgic Pilgrims, Yanks Seek British War Babies

Kiosk

Crimea Retreats on Independence SIMFEROPOL. Ukraine (Reuters) — The parliament in the Crimea backed away from confrontation with Ukraine on Wednes-

day by repealing an act of independence passed last month. A total of 98 of 157 deputies in the chamber voted to repeal the act and two resolutions implementing it. The vote satisfied Ukraine's demand for the act to be rescinded within a week. It also sought to defuse tension between Ukraine and Russia over the future of the mainly Russian-speaking peninsula, But in Moscow, Russia's parliament ignored warnings by a visiting top-level Ukrainian delegation and pressed ahead with plans for a debate on the region, handed by

Crossword

General News

Dan Quayle took baby steps in the wrong direction, panning an unwed TV mom.

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Sports

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"Her mother seat me her taby picture, but that's all I

the English Channel.

really knew of her." said Mr. Comer, 76, a retired carpenter from Philadelphia. He said he had lost touch with the child's mother in the war, after he was shipped out of England.

agers, mostly, when they landed in Britain, the first wave of American soldiers and pilots on their way to the war in Europe. Now, on the 50th anniversary of that friendly He went back to the States in 1945, married another woman and had a family. Now a widower, he says he wants to come to terms with this part of his past. "Maybe they are both dead by now, maybe they wouldn't want to see me even if I could find them," Mr.

Comer said. "But I wouldn't feel right if I didn't try, because I keep thinking, maybe they could use my belp." Pamela Winfield, who runs Transatlantic Children's Enterprise, an organization to help put British children in touch with their American lathers, says hundreds, perhaps thousands, of children were fathered out of wedlock by

American servicemen in the war. They are now men and women approaching 50, many with children and grand-She said it was rare to have the veterans turn up, as Mr. Comer and Mr. Byrd did last week at her house, looking for help in tracking down children.

"But so much time has passed, and all these men are

getting older," Mrs. Winfield said. "Perhaps they think, it's now or never."

By 1944, there were about 1.5 million American military personnel stationed in Britain, from crews flying bombing missions over occupied Europe and nurses in military hospitals, to infantry troops training for the invasion of

Among Britons, there was always some ambivalence about the Americans, who were cheered for their help in fighting the Nazis but were also resented for their sometimes overly exuberant presence. As a popular wartime phrase went, "They're overpaid, oversexed and over here."

In Norfolk - like much of East Anglia, the main staging area for Allied air raids - there are especially strong ties between the small towns where wartime airfields were situated, and the American pilots and crew members who once served on them.

At the brief outdoor ceremony in Deopham Green, a choir of schoolchildren sang the wartime ballad "Comin" In on a Wing and a Prayer," and vicars remembered the

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Serbs Take Tough Line **On Hostages**

By Chuck Sudetic

BELGRADE - Serbian leaders in Bosnia-Herzegovina said: Wednesday that their guernilias would not release a convoy of about 5,000 women, children and old people held hostage in a Saraje-vo suburb until the besieged republic's government ended blockades of several Yugoslav Army barracks and met other conditions.

Serbian gummen forced the col-umn, which aid officials said contained about 1,000 cars, 20 buses and 10 vans, to halt Tuesday night in the Sarajevo suburb of Ridza as

Inaction is "a disgrace," Bosnia minister tells the U.S. Page 2.

they were trying to flee the Bosnian capital, which Serbian forces have besieged and bombarded for more than a month in a campaign to partition it.

[As the hostage impasse dragged on, the United States said it was revoking the landing rights of the Yugoslav airline JAT to protest Serbian actions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

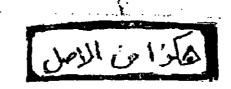
The State Department spokes-man, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said three weekly JAT flights would be affected by the decision. The flights have been operating between Belgrade, New York and Chicago. [She said Washington was considering further measures "in response to continued Serbian ag-

gression."]
Officials of the Children's Embassy, a local relief group that orga-nized the refugee convoy, said they had obtained written guarantees of safe passage for the women, children and elderly people from officials of the self-styled Serb Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. whose guerrilla forces together with the ali-Serb Yugoslav Army have overrun more than 60 percent of the republic and used terror tacties to drive non-Serbs from their

On Wednesday afternoon, two armored vehicles belonging to the United Nations peacekeeping force in Sarajevo were turned back by Serb gunmen at a roadblock when they tried to enter Bidza, and they came under artillery fire on their return to their headquarters, Sara-

jevo radio and UN officials said. Young men and parents of the children held hostage threatened Wednesday to retaliste against innocent Serbs in Sarajevo if the abduction is not ended quickly, government officials said.

Serbs in Sarajevo in large part See CAPTIVES, Page 5



UN Bomb Experts Put Back Estimate Of Iraq's Progress

Iraq Offer To U.S. on Loans Was Rejected

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration turned down several Iraqi offers on the eve of the Gulf War to pay back \$2.5 billion in U.S. loans. confidential cables show.

The Iraqi overtures, which were not made public, were dismissed as ploys to divide the international coalition being assembled by Washington against Baghdad after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

"It is hardly conceivable to us that the Iraqis intend to use their limited foreign exchange to make payments on debt to the United States," Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger said in a cable to the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

The cable, sent on Oct. 2. 1990, urged that the European Community, some of whose members received similar offers, withhold any response to Iraq until consulting with the

United States.
In the cable, which was obtained by The Associated Press, Mr. Eagleburger noted that Iraq owed the United States about \$2.5 billion, of which almost \$2 billion were loans guaranteed by the Bush administration for the export of American farm commod-

ities to Iraq.
The administration has had to pay back those loans itself. Mr. Engleburger suggested that Iraq was using the offer as a ploy to promote some other

objective."
He said that although the United States did not want to be seen as waiving its claim to the money, it also did not want to accept the offer and be seen as softening its demand that Iraq withdraw from Kuwait.

Quake Jolts Afghan Capital

KABUL - A mild earthquake jostled the Afghan capital. Kabul. on Wednesday, but no loss of life or damage to property was immediately reported.

DEATH NOTICE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred DAOUD.

A memorial service will be held at the American Church, 65, quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris on 25 May 1992, at 14 h. Mr. DAOUD requested contributions be made in his name to the American Church in Paris in lieu of flowers.

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VIENNA - An extraordinary secret gathering of nuclear-weapon designers from the United States. Britain, France and Russia has concluded that on the eve of the Gulf War, Iraq was further from producing a nuclear weapon than had been estimated. UN officials

The designers were sent by their countries at the request of the International Atomic Energy Agency to review evidence brought back from Iraq by inspectors who went there to destroy Baghdad's nuclear program.

At a meeting here in early April, the designers concluded that the Iraqi program faced such signifiboulenecks that President Saddam Hussein was at least three years and possibly more from acquiring his first crude atomic weap-

Before the war, U.S. intelligence estimated that Iraq's nuclear program would be incapable of producing a bomb for at least five years. But in November 1990, as he

sought to build support for a possi-ble war with Iraq, President George Bush said Baghdad might be able to build a bomb in as little as six months, and in speeches after the war he listed the nuclear program as one reason for going to war.

David Kay, the American who led many of the early inspections in Iraq, said on several occasions just after the war that the evidence suggested that Iraq would have had a bomb in 12 to 18 months.

"We now think it would have been at least twice as long as that," a senior agency official familiar with the designers' findings said recently. "There were several important bottlenecks."

The meeting in April to review Iraq's program on the eve of the war brought together bomb designers from the four countries that have joined the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which the agency

The gathering is believed to have been the first in which experts from the NATO nuclear powers met to discuss the design of atomic weapons with their counterparts from what used to be the Soviet Union.

A summary of their conclusions said Iraq had run into significant troubles in several areas: enriching uranium, building a device to squeeze the nuclear charge until it explodes and understanding how materials react under very high

Iraq was taking up to a month to assemble each of the machines, called calutrons, with which it planned to make enriched wranium electromagnetic separation. Eight calutrons were operational when the war started and the plant was destroyed, and Iraq would have needed several years to install enough explosives for a single bomb, officials here said.

In addition, the more modern centrifuge-enrichment plant that Iraq planned had run into difficulties, the officials said. Experts from Urenco, the British-Dutch-German centrifuge-enrichment plant in the Netherlands, have concluded that Iraq's design was fundamen-tally flawed.



SOME HELP FOR ALBANIANS — A woman in Tirana getting help Wednesday as she carried away parcels of humanitarian aid.

Inaction 'a Disgrace,' Bosnia Tells U.S.

By Barbara Crossette

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — In an impassioned plea for armed intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina to save its people from starvation and slaughter, the nation's foreign minister has denounced the world's inaction as a "disgrace for humanity."

The foreign minister, Haris Silajdzic, said the world was standing on the sidelines as it had done in the face of Nazi atrocities in the

He had been told, he said Tuesday, that there was not much U.S. interest in the war for Bosnia. He described in vivid terms the

plight of the newly independent republic, now under siege by Serbian forces. Later, a State Department official said that what was going on in Bosnia was "a very dirty war" but repeated the U.S. position that the use of force had been rejected "for very good

He said military intervention would be difficult because much of the fighting was going on among irregulars, and foreign forces would get bogged down.

That left only economic and political meatures to use against the Serbians, the official said, warning that it could take six months or a year to resolve the conflict. Mr. Silajdzic said that Bosnian towns and cities were undergoing "ethnic cleansing" un-der Serbian guns, and that whole neighborhoods of non-Serbs were being herded into what he called concentration camps. Yugoslav Army forces should be with-drawn, he said, and foreign troops should be

brought in to take control of artillery and other weapons. "My country has turned into a slaughter-

house," he said. "Our people are suffering terribly. Millions are threatened with starva tion, lack of medicine and clean water."

Mr. Silajdzic has been trying for several weeks to persuade a reluctant international community to send peacekeeping troops to halt the lighting in Bosnia.

U.S. and Kazakhs Reach Nuclear Accord

By Don Oberdorfer Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The United States and Kazakhstan have reached agreement on eliminating nuclear weapons from that former Soviet republic, marking another major step toward carrying out of the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty and control of the Soviet

President George Bush and the Kazakh president. Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, announced the agreement in a Rose Garden ceremony on Tuesday after two hours of dis-

As a result of the accord, administration officials said, the United States is close to agreement on fu- officials that Kazakhstan would ture procedures for disposing of also be a party to any future trea-

Certainty Reigns as Major

Opens Maastricht Debate

Agence France-Presse LONDON — Prime Minister John Major opened a two-day parliamentary debate Wednesday on ratifying the Maastricht Treaty, confident of winning an easy majority when legislators vote Thurs-

A jubilant Mr. Major returned in December from the EC summit

meeting in the Dutch town boasting that the outcome had been

"game, set and match for Britain."

He was delighted by British success on three points: removal from the treaty text of the word "federal," a deal allowing Britain to decide later whether to join a single currency, and the securing of an opt-out

clause for Britain on the treaty chapter governing workers' rights.

Around 20 Conservative "Euro-skeptics" are expected to rebel against the leadership and vote against this key second reading of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill, which is to carry out the Maastricht accord.

Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher issued a rallying call last

week in The Hague to the party's anti-federalists, unleashing a fierce

new onslaught against what she termed a looming European "megas-

Despite a reduced majority — down to just 21 since the general election April 9 — the Major government is confident of victory. The leadership of the opposition Labor Party has decided to abstain on the substantive vote over the opt-out on the workers' rights chapter. But some individual Labor legislators are expected to break

by the four nations that inherited the vast strategic nuclear arsenal of the Soviet Union.

A senior official said only "procedural issues" now stood in the way of concluding a new protocol to the START trenty that could be signed as early as this weekend by representatives of the United tates, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan who will be present at an international conference

Mr. Nazarbayev said in an intersign the treaty protocol in Lisbon this weekend. He added that he had received assurances from American

ties for additional cuts in nuclear The accord with Kazakhstan fol-

lowed a similar agreement reached two weeks ago between the United States and Ukraine. The two newly independent nations, which are sensitive about their national security, their national prerogatives and their relations with their neighbor, Russia, could have stopped the process of nuclear arms control and made ratification of START nearly impossible had they refused to give up the nuclear weapons based on

Mr. Bush joined Mr. Nazarbayev in signing a trade agreement, a bilateral investment treaty and an accord authorizing private investment insurance for U.S. business.

your independence," said Mr. Bush, with the Kazakh president looking on. "We believe your security, Kazakhstan's security, is important for stability in Europe and Asia.

Mr. Bush then announced the two main parts of the agreement that had been concluded:

First, Kazakhstan is committed to join the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty as a nonnuclear nation. which means that it will not seek to possess or manufacture such weapons on its own; and second, Ka-START, which includes a commitment to eliminate the weapons now based on its soil — but under Rus-sian control — within seven years after the treaty comes into force.

Bern Urges Vote for EC

BERN — The Swiss government told its people on Wednesday that the only way to avoid isolation and take their rightful place in Europe was to join the European Community.

In a policy document issued two days after a surprise decision to

make a rapid membership request to Brussels, the government said the EC would let Switzerland retain the core of its characteristic federalism, direct democracy and neutrality.

The report marked the start of a campaign to win over skeptical voters in a referendum, as yet unscheduled, on EC membership. Another referendum, on joining the European Economic Area, is likely to be held in December or early next year.

"If we want a Switzerland which is in a position to determine its own fate, it is in our interests to join the EC," the report said. "We will have possibilities to defend our interests on an international level far beyond the modest means at our disposal today."

The report said full membership would enable Switzerland to help

shape EC policy, and pointed out that the EC's influence on Switzerland's foreign and domestic policy was already large and would grow. Switzerland's neutrality, seen by many as a source of its prosperity, would not be endangered unless the EC agreed on a joint defense force and security policy, the report said.

It held out the prospect of Switzerland and other neutral countries

helping to shape such a policy. But it added: "Neutrality could if necessary be adapted, if a common security and defense policy should take on a concrete form."

'To Defend Our Interests'

Europe

North America Sunshine will heat New The warm weather in York City. Montreat and Scandinavia will continue Toronto Friday. It was re-through, the neetend make warm into the weetend with little rain. Thun-be sunny and pleasant Endershowers will be day through Sunday Londonton to day through Sunday Londonton and Parie, will be nild Chicago. The West Coast with some sunshine, but will be dry with sunshine and weetend heat.

WORLD BRIEFS

FRANKFURT (AP) - The fourth threat of a general strike within

month loomed in Germany on Wednesday, this time by the 225,000

Thousands of Germans missed their morning newspapers as their printers union. IG Medien, staged warning strikes in Cologne, Essen, Frankfurt, Munich, Nuremberg and Witzburg, Union leaders met in Stuttgart to discuss a possible strike vote by the

membership. The union is seeking a 12-month contract with was

increases of 11 percent. Employers have offered 3.3 percent, but said they were willing to increase that if the union would agree on a longer contract, similar to one worked out by the metalworkers union on Monday, A mediation session is scheduled for Nurranberg on Thursday.

Kurd Leads Harder-Line Foe in Vote

ARBIL, Iraq (Reuters) - Massoud Barzani, the Kurdish rebel chief who favors coexistence with Saddam Hussein, was ahead of his archival Jalal Talabani, on Wednesday in preliminary results from leadership

elections among Iraqi Kards.

But the partial returns are from the northwestern governorates of Arbit and D'hok, where Mr. Barzani is strongest. They could be offset by voter for Mr. Talabani in As Sulamaniya in the southeast of the region political sources said. Under Kurdish law, if neither candidate wins \$14

percent, some 1.1 million Kurds will have to vote again 15 days later.

Mr. Barzani and Mr. Talabani, who opposes concessions to Baghnar, were the main caudidates Tuesday for the post of paramount Kurdish

leader in northern Iraq's first free elections. Knrds in the rebel-held area

also voted for a regional partiament, to symbolize their demand for

China Sees End to Dispute With India.

BEIJING (Reuters) — Prime Minister Li Peng of China said Wednes-day that he believed a long-running border dispute with India could be.

India says China holds 38,000 square kilometers (14,500 square males) of its territory along its northwestern border. China says India's northeastern region of Arunachal Pradesh covers 90,000 square kilometers of

Mr. Li speaking on the final day of a trip to Beijing by the Indian president, Ramaswamy Venkataraman, said that despite difficulties in ending the border problem. "I believe this issue will eventually be solved, so long as the two sides make unremitting efforts."

THE HAGUE (AP) — Rund Lubbers, the no-frills politician who has defined the last decade of Dutch politics, announced Wednesday that he would step down in 1994 as the Netherlands' longest-serving prime.

Mr. Lubbers recommended his Christian Democrats' whip, Elec-

Brinkman, as his choice to the lead the party. Mr. Lubbers, 53, said on the

"You have to start accepting the idea that a new party leader will come in 1994," he said. "As I see things developing, that would be Elco. Brinkman." The endorsement could go a long way toward securing Mr. Brinkman the post, since the Caristian Democrats have been in every

Ex-Soviet Republics Set Force Levels

VIENNA (AFP) - Russia and five other former Soviet republics

agreed at their summit meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, last week on a distribution of conventional military forces reduced under the Conven-

tional Forces in Europe treaty, a Western source in Vienna said Wednes-day. Details of the agreement have not been made public. The agreement paves the way to ratification of the treaty by individual

republics and its coming into force. The treaty was originally signed in 1990 in Paris by the former Soviet Union on behalf of former Warraw. Pact members and by nations belonging to the North Atlantic Treaty.

TRAVEL UPDATE

VENICE (AFP) — The city authornies here plan to issue townspeople with cameras and films so that they can catch misbehaving tourists in the

act and hand the incriminating photos to the police for action.

"We've had enough of fourists naked to the waist, who throw rubbis

all about, write on the walls, dury the monuments and do not respect Venice," said the deputy police chief. Augusto Salvador. Wearing bathing suits on the streets will now carry a fine of 30,000 fire (\$25). Litterbugs will have to pay up 200,000 to 2 million lire, and people who deface

Trans-Atlantic airfares will hold steady for the summer despite an expected rise in traffic, the chief executive of British Airways said

Wednesday. They certainly will not be going up. Sir Colin Marshall said after meeting with industry analysts in New York! "It's a very competitive market." He said British Airways was adding 14.5 percent

more passenger seats to its U.S. British routes in June, July and August to

Finland plans to halt the flow of cheap liquor brought in by Russian

tourists who sell it illegally for Western currency, the government said.

Air fares are set to go up by as much as 40 percent in hundreds of U.S. markets Thursday, as temporary discounts on fares most popular with

Japan Air Lines will operate its first Japan-Vietnam charters for tourists; in July, JAL announced. The carrier plans to operate one round-trip! flight from Tokyo to Ho Chi Minh City, using a DC-10. (Reuters)

Venetians to Photograph Tourists

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Irish Store Magnate To Enter Drug Clinic

Ben Dunne, the Irish supermarket chain owner, is to check into a London drug clinic after being ordered by a Florida court to undergo a month's treatment for cocaine abuse. Mr. Dunne, 43, who is one of

Ireland's richest men, was arrested in a hotel room in Orlando, Florida, in February. Found in possession of 31.5 grams of cocaine, he admitted taking the drug but denied he was a trafficker. The court dropped drug trafficking charges and fined him

\$5,000 on a possession charge. "Let me tell you it won't be a holiday camp," Mr. Dunne said after the verdict, "They'll have me sweeping floors and polishing The wealthy businessman.

has 51 stores in Ireland and Brit-ain and employs 6,000 people, first drew headlines 11 years ago when he was kidnapped by the Irish Republic Army. He was freed six days later amid unconfirmed reports about a ransom EC Fails to Agree

On Art Export Rules Cultural ministers of the Euro-

pean Community failed to break a deadlock this week over EC proposals to regulate the movement and protection of antiques and art objects when the EC abolishes trade barriers between member states next year. Under the proposal, each na

tional government would be allowed to define its own national treasures and ban their export. A draft list of such treasures includes archeological finds and antiques more than 100 years old. "elements" from artistic, historical or religious monuments, and archives more than 50 years old. EC members would also be entitled to ask their neighbors to help whose privately owned company | locate stolen art works and to | move to change the organiza-

prevent them from leaving EC | tion's policy to that of backing a territory. The proposal has pitted a group of northern nations,

championed by Britain, against southern countries led by Spain and Italy, Britain, which controls more than half of the European art market, says the rules are too stringent, and objects to a clause putting the burden of proof on owners to show that they "exer-cised all due care" not to buy something illegally exported.

But the southern nations,

which say their treasures all too often end up illegally in the hands of European and non-European owners, insist on tight regula-

Around Europe

Senior officials of the British Police Federation said this week that recent miscarriages of justice in Britain had made it impossible for the federation to continue supporting a return of capital punishment. The federation's chairman, Alan Eastwood, told the group's annual conference this week that he supported a

mandatory life sentence without parole for capital offenses. The death penalty was abolished in 1969 Mr. Eastwood was referring to the cases of several groups of people wrongfully imprisoned in the 1970s for bombings linked to the Irish Republican Army. They served long sentences before being cleared.

could become obsolete if the Dutch government adopted a plan aimed at tracking driving offenses via computer sensors embedded in the road. The plan would require the installation of computer smart cards in cars and microwave sensors under the asphalt to automatically detect and transmit to police any traffic of-fease ranging from speeding to illegal parking. But Gerard de Graaf, a researcher who drew up the plan, admitted that it might raise invasion of privacy issues, since the system would not only register traffic violations but also track the movements of every vehicle in the Netherlands.

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Bush Environment Policy: Opening Up the Land

By Keith Schneider New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As the recession hangs on and the decision nears, the Bush administration has followed a patent of stiering environmental laws and regulations to open more federal land and the nation's natural resources to development, top administration officials say.

The pattern emerged last summer when the White House ground the climination of restrictions on building and development on half the nation's wedlands.

Since then, the administration has fostered a flurry of new proposils to make more coal, timber, oil, water and land-syllable to industry and agriculture.

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Together, the two policies represent the strongest effort to reduce their cost in business.

In public statements and private conversation, Bush administration officials say the pattern reflects the philosophical effect of the President's Council on Competitiveness,

which is headed by Vice President Dan Quayle, and concern over carrying Western states in the election this fall.

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujun Jr. said anti-environmental sentiment among some Western voters had played a role. In the Reagan years, these sentiments fueled a movement called the "sagebrush rebellion," which put pressure on the Interior Department to open more federal land for mining grazing and logging.

Mr. Lujan has alerted the White House that members of

the old rebellion have joined with private landowners, the timber industry, coal companies and others who rely on natural resources to form a new coalition that calls itself the

Mr. Lujan says the administration should pay attention to the agenda of those special interests to improve its standing with its natural conservative constituency and should not worry so much about the sentiment of environmentalists who, he believes, will not support Mr. Bush under any

"I have never seen a positive reaction from environmental groups no matter what we do," Mr. Lujan said.

Mr. Lujan, who served from 1969 to 1989 as a congress man from New Mexico, said he was bringing "the plight of the Western constituency to the White House," and added: "People who live in the West look at the land in a different way than people east of the Mississippi River.

"Land is our heritage to use and not just lock up and put away, where only backpackers can go. I have been telling the White House stall that our constituency, the conservative Republican constituency, is not pleased at being ignored."

Several officials agree with Mr. Lujan that the White

House was driven by fears that the traditional Republican Party support in the eight Rocky Mountain states, with a total of 40 electoral votes, was croding.

The White House is also following a plan devised by Senator Slade Gorton, Republican of Washington, to recapture Oregon and Washington, the only two Western states Mr. Bush lost in the 1988 election.

Thus, the president's strategy is meant to shore up support among the timber, mining, coal and agricultural groups that anchor the "wise use" movement.

Leaders of the movement are pressing for a loosening of policies that they see as brakes on the economy. They also want to protect jobs and families by providing resources that some of the nation's largest industries need to operate.

Last week, in the clearest signs yet that Mr. Bush is taking account of industrial interests in weighing environmental protections, a cabinet-level committee voted to exempt the government from the Endangered Species Act and allow the cutting of 1,700 acres of forest in Oregon that provide habitat for the threatened northern spotted owl.

Bush and Clinton Win 2 Western Primaries. **Texan Shadows Them**

PORTIAND, Oregon — Gover-nor Bill Cinton of Antansas and President George Bush continued their easy gides toward the general election with primary victories in Oregon and Washington state.

The man likely to meet them as

an independent candidate in November, the Texas billionaire Ross Perot, apparently made his pres-ence felt by winning a significant number of wine in votes. Surveys of voters leaving polling

places in Oregon indicated that Mr. Perot's name was written onto the ballot by more than one in 10 of Democrats and Republicans. Ballots with write in names were not nediately counted Tuesday night. Since Oregon awards delegates only to those actually on the ballot, Mr. Perot will not win any

onvention delegates.
In Oregon, Mr. Clinton led his lone Democratic opponent, former Governor Edmand. G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. of California, by 50 per-cent to 35 percent. In Washington, where Democrats were holding a nonbinding plantary, Mr. Clinton led by 51 percent to 29 percent.

Mr. Bush, who sewed up the Republican nomination in late Aprilwas leading his more conservative challenger, Parick I. Bochanan, in both states — 76 percent to 22 percent in Oregon and 83 percent to 13 percent in Washington.

Mr. Perot's showing, while nomination. where Democrats were holding a

By Charles R. Babcock

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot will not have any

trouble finding big sums of his own money to spend if he seeks the presidency, judging from the 118-page statement on his personal wealth that he has made

Candidates are not required by the Federal Election

ounission to list the exact value of their holdings, so

Mr. Perot's fortune cannot be determined from the

report. It has been estimated before at more than \$2

Mr. Perot lists 332 separate investments, more than

alf worth at least \$1 million and 11 that produced

The investments included scores of tax-exempt

income of at least that much over the last 16 months.

bond issues, stocks in blue chip corporations and

computer, biotechnology and robot firms, as well as

oil and gas and real estate partnerships, several foreign currencies — including the Japanese yen — and a bank account in Switzerland.

He also fisted 26 loans from banks and brokerage

houses, 24 of them for at least \$1 million each. They

Mr. Perot has not amounced his candidacy, but he filed the report with the election commission last week

because he said he might fall within the technical

were used to buy stock and foreign currencies.

strong for a seemingly unplanned write-in candidacy, was presaged by his standing in polls leading up to the voting. A survey taken last week by a Portland television station showed that in a three-way general election matchup, Mr. Perot carried 42 percent of the vote in the state, to Mr. Bush's 31 per-cent and Mr. Clinton's 21 percent.

Exit polls conducted by the four major television networks on Tuesday showed that Mr. Perot, who is ected to announce his independent candidacy soon, was viewed as favorably among Democrats as Mr. Clinton and among Republicans as

Mr. Clinton, at a campaign stop in Austin, Texas, dismissed the se-riousness of Mr. Perot's challenge.

"There is a life cycle that all these campaigns and candidacies have," he said. "I'm very much at peace with this campaign. When we get into the fall, I'll be able to get my message ont there and my re-

"I think the voters will perceive me as the outsider candidate with the best chance to effect change,"

At stake in Oregon's presidential contest were 47 Democratic delegates, of which Mr. Clinton won 29. and Mr. Brown 18. That put Mr. Clinton at 1,800 delegates, 345 shy of the the 2,145 needed for the nomination. (LAT, AP):

With Vast Investments and Holdings, the Answer Is: Very

the report Tuesday.

candidate, she said.

definition of "candidate." The commission released

A spokeswoman for Mr. Perot, Merel Bonger, said

Tuesday that the Texas businessman would not answer questions about his investments. He also will not

now release a statement of his net worth or his income

tax returns, but will consider doing so if he becomes a

Mr. Perot started his formine by building Electronic

Data Systems, a computer services company that made its early profits processing claims for government medical programs. He sold the company to General Motors for more than \$1 billion in 1984. Since

then he has set up Perot Systems Corp. of Herndon,

Most of the first 200 investment holdings Mr. Perot

listed are bonds, many of them apparently tax exempt

because they are issued by state or local governments.

Among those that produced more than \$1 million in

income from the start of 1991 to last Thursday, the day

he signed the report, were utility companies in Utah and Washington, U.S. Treasury notes, bonds and bills, and the Municipal Assistance Corp., which oversees

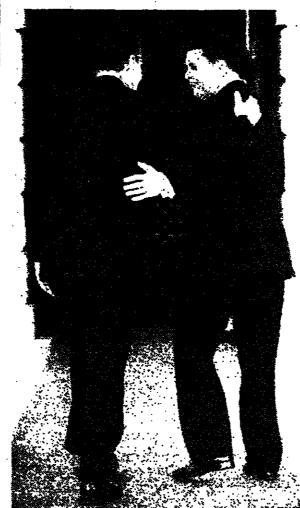
Mr. Perot lists holdings in 24 real estate ventures in Texas worth at least \$1 million. He also lists several \$1

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New York City's finances.

million-plus "notes receivable"

Just How Wealthy Is Ross Perot?



CHOW TIME AT THE WHITE HOUSE — President George Bush, left, escorting Sir John W. Swan, the prime minister of Bermuda, for a private dinner in Washington.

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Clinton's Change

campaign's policy advisers met

with the phrasemakers and Mr. Clinton in an effort to simplify his

message in preparation for the gen-eral election campaign. But Paul Begala, one of Mr. Clinton's con-

sultants, said that meeting was not

as important as the candidate's

ability to absorb thousands of per-sonal stories voters had told him

"lt's as though every story he's

been told, he's now sorted out and

worked somehow into what he's saying." Mr. Regala said. "What's

beginning to come through is the

emotion of his experience during

this entire campaign."

The change was evident at events

this week where Mr. Clinton deliv-

ered speeches that were different in

theme and audience but strikingly

similar in the emotional weight that

he brought to them: A political

speech to Democrats and a military

conversion address to shipbuilders,

oriented speech to students at the

University of Oregon in Eugene;

both in San Diego; an education-

over the last several months.

Tighter U.S. Policy on **Pollution** By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

Kohl Urges

BONN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl and other German leaders called on the United States on Wednesday to strengthen its envi-ronmental policies before the coming world environmental meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

Speaking to a special session of the German partiament. Chancel-lor Kohl said Germany was willing to make substantial contributions to the Global Environmental Facility, a fund established by the World Bank to support environmental programs in the developing world.

"I link this readiness with the expectation that other countries are also ready to assume their share of responsibility," the chancellor said. "I am thinking especially of the United States and Japan."

According to German officials, the United States is blocking a World Bank proposal to triple the size of the \$1.5-billion environmental fund after next year.

Mr Kohl was one of the first world leaders to commit himself to attending the Rio conference, which opens June 3. Germany has some of the world's most advanced environmental laws, and public opinion is highly sensitive to envi-ronmental issues.

The chancellor said that when he introduced environmental questions at the 1988 economic meeting in Toronto, leaders of other industrial powers reacted with "great skepticism and even rejection.

face their special responsibility, he said. "Our 20 percent of the world population produces about 80 percent" of world carbon dioxide emissions. "So it is clear who has the chief responsibility, and who must bear the chief burden."

Scientists said that these emissions, which come from automobiles and various industrial sources, contribute to depleting the Earth's ozone level, which in turn could produce disastrous changes in the world's climate. Environment Minister Klaus

Topfer, who also addressed parlia-

ment, criticized the United States and Japan for refusing to increase energy taxes, as the European Community has suggested. The Europeans, he said, could not take such a step alone. "Naturally we would like to have

achieved a better climate agreement than the United States and those who are hiding behind the United States," Mr. Topfer said. Gerhart Baum of the centrist

Free Democrat party, which is a member of Mr. Kohl's governing coalition, criticized the United States for refusing commit itself to reducing carbon dioxide emissions to the 1990 level by the end of this

At a recent meeting in New York, U.S. officials told planners of the Rio conference that Pres dent George Bush would probably not attend the conference if such strict commitments were to be included in the final agreement. "The key element of the Rio con-

ference is the climate agreement,"
Mr. Baum said, "The New York compromise does not satisfy us." "There was no agreement on the stabilization" of carbon dioxide ence that was not gay. Such a emissions by the year 2000, so the

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have seemed the ultimate in pan-dering. But on this night from the was sworn in during the session, the tone of his voice and the look on his first minister since German unififace, many in the audience said cation in 1990 to take an oath of they were inclined to believe him. office in Berlin.

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Dan Quayle's Baby Missteps

Unlike Fitzwater, He Pans Unwed TV Mom

WASHINGTON - The White House press

secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, praised the television series "Murphy Brown" on Wednesday for backing unwed motherhood over abortion, veering away from Vice President Dan Quayle's condem-

nation of the show's eponymous starring character.

"First of all," Mr. Fitzwater said, "'Murphy
Brown' is an excellent show."

He added that the TV character had demonstrated "pro-life values" by having had the baby.

Mr. Quayle ignited a flap in San Francisco on

Tuesday by attacking the character, a fictionalized television correspondent portrayed by Candice Bergen, for having had a child out of wedlock. "Bearing babies irresponsibly is simply wrong," said Mr. Quayle, 45, who is married and has three children. "Failing to support children one has

fathered is wrong. Miss Bergen's character gave birth Monday night in the season finale of the CBS program. The vice president has been the butt of humor in the

Mr. Quayle voiced his review in a speech to the Commonwealth Club of California, in which he attributed the riots in Los Angeles largely to pover-ty and the breakdown of the American family.

It doesn't help matters when prime-time TV has Murphy Brown — a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid professional woman — mocking the importance of fa-thers by bearing a child alone, and calling it just

another lifestyle choice," he said.

The New York Daily News, in bannening Mr.
Quayle's assault, ran the headline "Quayle to Murphy Brown: You Tramp!"

In Los Angeles. Diane English, the "Murphy Brown" producer, wrote a reply to Mr. Quayle attacking the administration's anti-abortion posi-

"If the vice president thinks it's disgraceful for an unmarried woman to bear children, and if he believes that a woman cannot adequately raise a child without a father, then he'd better make sure abortion remains safe and legal," she said.

President George Bush, during a picture-taking session in the Oval Office with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, was asked whether be sided with Mr. Quayle or with Mr. Fitzwater.

"I'll get briefed up on that," he quipped, promising that he would have more to say soon. "Where's Marun on this?'

"I'll give the Canadian response to that," Mr. Mulronev added.

When Mr. Fitzwater was initially asked about Mr. Quavle's comments, the press secretary appeared to support the vice president's position, saying it was a mistake for TV to glorify unwed

"For years we were very concerned about the glorification of drug use on television." he said. adding that the concern now was "in the giorification of life as an unwed mother." A few minutes later, however, he summoned

reporters to offer a new perspective. Noting that Murphy Brown had chosen mother-hood over abortion, Mr. Fitzwater said, "We are not very comfortable in getting involved in enti-

"The other problem I have," Mr. Fitzwater said, trying to inject humor into the battle with Hollywood, "is that Candice Bergen is my personal

favorite. I've offered to marry her several times.

The press secretary said he had not read Mr.

Quayle's speech — and quickly declined an offer from a reporter to see it. But he said, "I think the vice president was looking at the broader issue of television responsibility.

Mr. Fitzwater said the White House had had no advance knowledge of Mr. Quayle's remarks.

U.S. Maneuvers to Block Lawsuit Against Saudis

By Neil A. Lewis New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration has asked the Supreme Court to reconsider a lowercourt ruling that would allow American citizens who say they have been tortured in Saudi Arabia

to sue the kingdom in U.S. courts. The Saudi Embassy in Washington has intensively lobbied the State Department on the case.

In one instance, the Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar ibn Sultan, wrote a letter asking the administration for help. But State Department officials have said they intervened in the case on the merits and not to placate the Saudis.

In the case, Scott J. Nelson of Raleigh, North Carolina, contends that he was severely beaten by Sandi policemen when he was impris-oned in Riyadh in 1984. He says he was beaten so badly that his knee joints snapped and that he has

since had difficulty walking.

Mr. Nelson sued the Saudi government in federal court in Florida, contending that a law passed in 1976, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, allowed him to do so.

According to the law, foreign governments can be sued in U.S. courts if the actions are connected to their commercial activities in the United States. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, which is based in At-lanta, supported Mr. Nelson's right to sue, ruling that a connection existed because he had been recruited to work in Saudi Arabia as hospital safety monitor and

of his job performance. Mr. Nelson has asserted that he was arrested and tortured because he embarrassed some Saudi officials by reporting safety hazards at the hospital, King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh.

might have been tortured as a result

Saudi Embassy officials have de-nied that Mr. Nelson was mistreated during his 39-day imprison-ment. They have said he was nissed because his job application contained a forged diploma from the Massachusetts Institute of edges having submitted the forgery. The case indicates that the State Department may be sensitive to

Two weeks after the appeals court ruling and just after the end of the Gulf War last year, Prince Bandar wrote Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d seeking help in the matter.

Professor Anthony D'Amato of the Northwestern University Law School, one of Mr. Nelson's attorneys, has said the Bush administration was involving itself in the case "to cozy up to the Saudis."

Edwin D. Williamson, the State

Department's legal adviser, dismissed the accusation, saying, Our decision to file this statement is not based on our relationship with Saudi Arabia." Mr. Williamson said the admin-

istration had not decided to intervene because of the letter from Prince Bandar. Rather, he said, the government believed that the appeals court had incorrectly decided the case. "We think this roling could lead to great confusion in the applica-

tion of the Sovereign Immunities Act," he said, adding that it could encourage foreign governments to ficials to be sued in their courts.

Swiss Join Curbs By UN on Libya

BERN - Switzerland said on Wednesday that it had banned Lib yan Arab Airlines from doing business in the country and had asked the Libyan Embassy to cut its dip

lomats to eight from 10.

A Foreign Ministry statemen also said that Libya had asked that one person on the four-member diplomatic staff of the Swiss Em-

bassy in Tripoli be withdrawn. The action by Switzerland fol-lows imposition of United Nations sanctions against Libya for its failure to cooperate with inquiries into the bombing of U.S. and French Technology. Mr. Nelson acknowl- airliners in 1988 and 1989.



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China Ties to U.S.: Hard-Liners at Work?

Reporter Accused

Of Getting Secrets

The Associated Press

BELIING - China's secret police Wednes-

day accused the Washington Post's correspondent in Beijing of illegally obtaining se-

The police who searched Lena H. Sun's

office Sunday said they found more than 10

By Jim Mann

Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON — When senior American officials sought to restore good relations with China after the killings near Tiananmen Square, they discovered two years ago that hard-line elements in the Beijing leadership were trying to undermine their efforts.

Now, it appears that these forces are trying once again to worsen tension between the United States and China. In the process, they are

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providing a glimpse of turbulence that may be in store for the United States as China's leadership engages in a new round of political infight-

ing and power struggles.

Over the weekend, Chinese security officials searched the offices of The Washington Post's Beijing correspondent, Lena H. Sun, ransacked her files and seized some notebooks and papers. On Monday, the United States lodged a protest over the incident with China, and the State Department spokesman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said that "we've obviously said we deplore this

type of thing."
The search occurred a month after China's refusal to allow two prominent American sena-tors to visit China and Tibet. It followed by only a few days the beating in Beijing of Han Dongfang, a Chinese dissident who Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d had been led to believe in November would be permitted to leave the country soon.

And, most significantly, the raid by Chinese security officials occurred less than three weeks before the June 4 deadline by which President George Bush is legally obliged to tell Congress of his decision on whether to renew China's trade activities in this country for next year. trade privileges in this country for next year. "You have to wonder about the timing of all this," said Harry Harding, a China specialist of the Brookings Institution. "It's just speculation, but it seems that someone in China has an

interest in making trouble."

To outsiders, it might look foolish and coun-

confidential documents that had been "illegally obtained," the Xinhua press agency

gally obtained, the Ambua press agency reported quoting an unidentified official of the Beijing State Security Bureau.

Barbara Alighiero, a reporter for the Italian news agency ANSA and president of the Beijing Foreign Correspondents Club, was summoned by the Chinese Foreign Ministry to hear a similar statement.

Ms. Sun said in a written statement that she receives many unsolicited materials, "the origin and authenticity of which I cannot

possibly verify."

"My job is to gather information and evaluate everything that comes my way," she

terproductive for China to harass American reporters and insult American senators - parcularly at a time when doing so could jeopardize its incrative trade benefits. But some American specialists on China say they believe there are forces in Beijing that might welcome a new dispute with the United States.

An American analyst on China said that was why the search happened now. "I assume this has got to do with internal politicking, and with hard-liners in China trying to embarrass re-formers," the analyst said.

Donald Anderson, a former American diplo-mar who is the president of the U.S.-China Business Council said the niming of China's recent action raised an "ontmons" question: "Is there a faction in Bejing that would like to screw up relations with the West?"

China's leaders are getting ever more frail its paramount leader. Deng Xiaoping, now 37, was last seen on television early this year, exhoring the nation to pursue economic change, but walking only with the help of his disruption. Chen Yun, the conservative party elder wife is the most powerful critic of the name and some the most powerful critic of the pace and scope

of Mr. Deng's economic changes, is 86 and in

much worse health. This autumn, the Chinese Communist Party is scheduled to hold a crucial Congress, its first in five years and the first since the political. upheavals that produced the crushing of Beijing's democracy demonstrators in 1989. The congress has the power to select new leaders, including a Central Committee that will oversee

the party for another live years. After Mr. Deng's rare public appearance, Chinese advocates of change have seemed to be paining ground over hard-liners within the

But American analysts said the search of Ms. Sun's office was one of several recent incide showing that the political maneuvering in China, which amounts to a struggle over who will hold power after Mr. Deng's death, is especially intense now and will continue at least until the DARTY CORRECTS.

China's nationwide security apparatus is un-der the control of a party official, Qiao Shi, who-has some links to advocates of change withinthe the party. An American official noted that recently, "there has been an ongoing campaign by Qiao Shi to control the outflow of state

But this American official and several others said it was also possible that Beijing security officials carried out the search as part of an effort to embarrass Mr. Qiao or advocates of change within the leadership. The Communist Party Committee for the city of Beijing is con-trolled by some of the same hard-liners who spearheaded the 1989 crackdown on the democracy demonstrations.

Japan to End the Fingerprinting of Permanent Aliens

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - After years of bitter protests and debate, the parliament enacted a law ib Wednesday that will eliminate routine fingerprinting of permanent foreign residents, a prac-tice that many non-Japanese have regarded as one of the most humiliating symbols of government-sanctioned discrimination.

While the news was welcomed by many foreigners, especially the Korean residents who were the principal beneficiaries of the change, many insisted that the measure would still leave in place an extensive system of unfair controls on the lives of non-Japanese residents.

Foreign residents, for instance, can still be arrested under the new law if they are caught without their special alien registration cards, or face criminal prosecution if they fail to report to the government changes of address or jobs within two weeks of the changes. Permanent foreign residents, many of whose families have been in Japan for generations, also complained that they would still be denied the right to work

for the government or to vote.

"I'm pleased with this change, but if you look at other elements of the law you will find it still

includes many forms of discrimination," said Solm Chung In, an official of the Korean Resi-dents Union of Japan. The new law means that about 602,000 Kore-

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Frustration on Bangkok Streets: 'All the People Can Do Is Die' MOLDOVA: Russia Provocation

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service
BANGKOK — When the army troops suddenly prepared to attack on Wednesday afternoon, pointing their automatic weapons menacingly at the crowd 30 meters away and trotting forward, Narumon Siriratvarasa shricked and started

sprinting away.
"It's kill, kill!" Miss Narumon, a 21-year-old accounting student, screamed as she fled.

A few minutes later, as it became clear that the troops were simply clearing the street near the Democracy Monument, not actually at-tacking the crowd, Miss Narumon looked out at several dozen other protesters seeking shelter in the same alley and added proudly:
"When the people all join together like this, we will win. We'll definite-

That optimism - colored by fear of bloodshed in the short term — seemed widespread as angry stu-dents, professionals and workers faced down edgy soldiers at intersections all over the Thai capital.

There were a few skirmishes and occasional gunfire, but most of the demonstrators simply watched or taunted the troops and waited for more horrors to unfold, like the incident Monday night in which troops fired on protesters and re-portedly left at least 40 dead and undreds wounded.

"Of course there will be more killing," said Somsai, 24, a shipping company employee who declined to give her full name, and she pointed at an army belicopter buzzing overhead. "The soldiers have guns and the people have nothing. All the people can do is . . ."

Her voice trailed off, and then she soberly picked up the thought: "All the people can do is die."

Miss Somsai had never taken part in politics before, had never even been particularly interested in politics before, but she came out Wednesday to the front lines of the protesters — about 20 meters (60 feet) from a row of troops in green camouflage uniforms, swinging automatic weapons nervously from



That soldiers taking a break in the middle of a Bangkok street Wednesday after they cleared out demonstrators who broke lights and burned two trucks.

tions more than fact.

"I hear 3,000 people were

killed," a 37-year-old taxi driver

whispered near the makeshift pris-

on where thousands of demonstra-

tors are being detained. "All shot!"

"They say that 5,000 people were

"There were at least 500,000 peo-

ple demonstrating that night," the

driver concluded a few minutes af-

killed," the same driver advised 15

minutes later. "At least."

side to side - to express outrage at the killings of protesters in recent days and to do her part to overthrow the man that several characterized as the most hated person in Bangkok, General Suchinda Kraprayoon, the prime minister.

General Suchinda, a former military leader who staged a coup last year against a democratic govern-ment and took power himself a month ago as an unelected prime minister, may well have supporters in the countryside and among the

But on Wednesday, before he went on television at the king's bidding to announce concessions that appeared to end the crisis, General Suchinda was abhorred by the citizens on Bangkok's streets. "He's a crazy man," said a 14-

year-old high school student. "Devil, monster, predator!" add-

ed a 37-year-old businessman. "He sity to prevent a Communist plot to kills everybody who opposes him. He must be destroyed. He must go

"He's a liar and used military force to kill people," said Wor-athip, a 34-year-old businesswoman who declined to give her full name. "Everybody hates him. I only know one person who likes him, and that's my boss.

Thais attributed their bitterness to a general weariness with army meddling in politics, coupled with anger at General Suchinda's reversal of a promise he made last year not to seek the prime minister's job. The killings on Monday night were taken by some as the final proof of what they consider his monstrous-

General Suchinda imposed news censorship in Thailand and ex-plained the use of force as a neces-them were killed . . " He paused

and struggled with the math, and a dier who was afraid to give his full overthrow the monarchy, but the controls on news organizations seemed only to inflame the crowds

Those out on the streets on Wednesday, playing a game of cat and mouse with the troops and oc-casionally starting small fires, Wednesday. Many people said they were listening to Thai language broadcasts on BBC radio, but othseemed a broad cross-section of urers simply relied upon rumors -ban Thais, with a slightly higher proportion from the middle class. and these seemed to reflect emo-

"We will never work until Su-chinda steps down," said Pisan Is-saraprasari, a 26-year-old laborer. "It's up to us, as workers, to stop him. And finally, in the end, he will step down."

The only group not represented was the That peasantry - the main source of the army troops on the other side of the barbed-wire barricades.

"They come from the country-side," said Somchai, a former sol-

name. "They'll shoot because they believe in their commanders, and because they believe in Suchinda."

Although overall public opinion cannot be gauged accurately on the basis of interviews with demonstrators, those on the streets seemed to tougher stance against General Su-

"I hope your big country will pressure the Thai government, pressure the big men here, until we have democracy," said Charawit Sukihame, a 44-year-old architect. "You must help the Thai people now. You should have sanctions."

"We need the U.S. Army now," urged a 37-year-old cashier.

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Izvestia that 20 people had been killed or wounded by shells fired from the Moldovan-controlled west bank of the Dniester at army bases over the last few days.
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Russiam officials said they had entered into negotiations to regard tanks and other heavy weapons recently seized by Duiesser militiamen. The 14th Army's military council appealed to the militiamen to hand back the weapons: saying that if not, there could be "unfortessable consequences" and other there. secable consequences" and other European countries could be drawn into the conflict. This was apparently a reference to neighbor-

ing Romania.

In Georgia, meanwhile, the new leadership headed by Edward A. Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, actual important and the overthrough Zviad. K. Gamsakhurdia of attaching a busload of refugees from South Osse. tia. The ruling State Collecti said in a statement that the attack was the work of "destructive forces," trying to sabotage a truce in the region, which has been trying to break away from Georgia 2012 According to Ital Jass at least year-old battle for control of Na-35 people; including symmetric gomo-Karabakh.

children, died in the bus attack. Farther south, efforts appeared to be under way to arrange a ceasefire along the border between Armenia and the Azerbaijani enclave of Nakhichevan. The enclave, which is surrounded by Armenia

and Turkey, has come under repeated shelling from Armenia over the past week. The leader of Nakhichevan, Gaidar Aliyev, spoke by phone with President Levon A. Ter-Petrosyan of Armenia in the presence of jour-

that Armenian forces were involved in the fighting. ■ Secession for Azerbaijan? Azerbaijan will become the first republic to withdraw from the Commonwealth of Independent States, the head of the coalition that toppled the country's presi-dent was quoted Wednesday as saying, according to an Associated

nalists and urged him to order a

truce. Mr. Ter-Petrosyan denied

Press report from Moscow. Abulfaz Elchibek, chairman of the country's nationalist Popular Front, also said in a newspaper interview that there was still hope for a peaceful settlement to the 4-

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country by the United States and European Community in April.

"There are threats against the Serbs from some people," shift Hairnam Somm, a spokesman for the Busha Herzegovina' government, speaking by telephone from Sangevo. The government is attempting to keep people calm and prevent retabatory attacks."

The president of the Chikiren's Fimbassy, Ljuboanir Berberovic, who is a Serb, said Saragevo's Serbs were atraid of coming under attack.

"There are chikiren in this column whose parents are armed and

umn whose parents are armed and very nervous to say the least," Mr. Berberovic said. "These parents have the idea of taking hostages just as their children are hostages.

people in the convoy, which was headed for the Croatian port city of Split, are mixed ethnically, officials Three Yugoslav Army barracks

in Sarajevo remained surrounded by mixed-ethnic forces loyal to the government of Bosnia-Herzegovi-na despite an agreement to allow the garrisons to depart on Tuesday, Sarajevo radio said.

The troops will not leave until

their safety has been guaranteed," said General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Bosnian Serb Army, in a radio interview. The UN High Commissioner for

Refugees has canceled plans to send two large convoys with food and medicine to Sarajevo on Friday because of the Serbian attack Tues-The people of Bosnia-Herzegovi-na are, a melange of 1.9 million Muslim Slavs and 750,000 Roman one aid official dead. day on a Red Cross convoy that left

The General: Seasoned Infighter

By Barbara Crossette

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon, whose quick switch from supreme that to the armed forces to prime maister of thatland in early April provoked the storm of dissent that has paralyzed national life, is the latest

of a line of army generals drawn into politics.

Although he said that he took up the duties of prime minister reluctantly, General Suchinda had been the real power behind the government in Thailand since February 1991, when under his leadership a civilian government was overthrown and a junta formed.

At that time, the general said that the military was saving the country from rapacious and irrespensible politicians. The move was not unpopular in Thailand, where democratic institutions have not been firmly established. The government of Chatichai Choonhavan, elected in 1988, had achieved a special notoriety for the corruption of some of its ministers.

In April, when General Suchinda named himself prime minister, he put more than a dozen of Mr. Chatichai's colleagues in his cabinet. The move helped to fuel the protest that spilled onto the

"General Suchinda, 58, graduated from the na- concerned with a loss of image.

tional military academy. Chulachomklao, in a class that now dominates every important sector of the armed services hierarchy in Thailand. His brotherin-law. General Issaraprong Noonpakdi, now army commander, is part of that fraternity. When it came time to give General Suchinda a

political front, another classmate, Air Chief Marshal Kaset Rojananin, the air force commander.

formed a party.
Prime Minister Suchinda, who speaks English fluently, attended several military courses in the United States as a young officer. In the early 1970s, he served in the defense attache's office at the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington.

If General Suchinda did not have to campaign

for public office, as Thais are now demanding that all prime ministers do. he did have to compete for power behind the scenes with other ambitious officers. His most serious rival was Chavalit Yongchiyudh, his predecessor as head of the armed forces, who was already in the field with his New

Aspiration Party.

General Suchinda has been under siege publicly in the last two months as well as behind the scenes throughout 1991. He has proved to be an obstinate, often quick-tempered man who does not

sistant secretary of state for the region.

The Opponent: Virtuous Politician

WASHINGTON - Chamlong Srimuang, whose public fast stirred the emotions of thousands of Thais and galvanized Bangkok crowds, began his political career as an irresistible novelty. When he announced in 1985 that he was running

for the governorship of metropolitan Bangkok, he seemed to represent everything antithetical to Thailand's nonstop, brassy capital city. Wearing the rough peasant shirt of dark blue that became his hallmark, Mr. Chamlong preached

virtue and asceticism. In a town where bars, restaurants and brothels never closed, Mr. Chamlong did not drink, he ate one vegetarian meal a day and he slept on bare floors. He and his wife had given up sex.

He won in a landshide.

Over the ensuing years, Mr. Chamlong did not, as many expected, go out of fashion. He and his

Power of Justice Party stayed in the arena, and in the national election of March 22 took all but three of Bangkok's seats in parliament. He had proved himself a national figure with an important base in a country with only one major city.

What was important was that enormous political pull he had in Bangkok," said Evelyn Colbert, a

widely reported to be respected by King Bhumb-hol Adulyadej, who has devoted his life to public-

But if Mr. Chamlong's example as a clean politician and his symbolic power as a focus of opposition was crucial to the success of recent demonstrations demanding the resignation of the unelected prime minister, Suchinda Kraprayoon, many Thais and foreign specialists believed that the former governor, now a member of parliament, remained too controversial for higher political of-

Mr. Chamlong, 56, is a retired major general in the Thai Army, and occasionally his zealous promotion of virtue takes on an authoritatian ring. He belongs to an evangelical Buddhist sect, the Santi Asoke, led by a monk who has in effect challenged the hierarchy of Thailand's mainstream Buddhist organization.

Ironically, Mr. Chamlong's uncompromising rectitude — his is the only party that abjures the buying of votes — is seen as a drawback to success in Thai politics, where deal making is a constant, The Far Eastern Economic Review wrote recently that many believe Mr. Chamlong "wants to -BARBARA CROSSETTE

REUNION: Finding the Children of the Continued from page 1) ple, a former American are created member recently donated 94 bics

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Through the coming summer, vice dances.

"Loften think how hard it must uled dozens of reunions and cere- have been for the child, especially monies, parades and air shows with me being black and her moth-American airmen, in turn, some of white and all," said Mr. Comer.

THAIS: At King's Urging, 2 Sides Move to End Crisis

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not seek the prime minister's post. He reneged after general elections in March, in which he did not run. He was appointed prime minister April 7 by a coalition of five promilitary parties. General Suchinda released Mr.

Chamlong from prison for the talks at the palace. Mr. Chamlong, a former general and governor of Bangkok, had been arrested earlier in the week for leading the protests, which he initiated with a hunger King Bhumibol's comments on

television were his first in public since the violence erupted Sunday night, although there had been widespread reports the king was

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a=arrival, d=departure, '= I day later.

An army-run television channel said the meeting at the palace was arranged by former Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, who serves on the Privy Council, which advises

the king.
Before the surprise meeting. Bangkok swirled with rumors that troops loyal to Mr. Prem, who was prime minister from 1980 to 1988, had clashed with General Suchinda's forces or were marching on the capital from the north. Reporters on the northern approaches to the death toll of 40. But numerous uncity saw military roadblocks but no confirmed reports put the toll major troop movements or light-

As the prime minister and the unarmed demonstrators. opposition leader spoke early (AP, Rem

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working behind the scenes to find a Thursday, the city was still under

Thousands of democracy demonstrators were manning barri-cades around Ramkamheang Uni-

ing the height of the demonstrations. Troops patrolled the streets and occasional gunfire could be heard even after the prime minister

versity in the northeastern Bangkok in defiance of the curfew. Earlier in the day, General Su-chinda announced the official

much higher. The deaths occurred when troops fired on crowds of (AP, Reuters, AFP)

ASEAN: A Setback for Stability

that without a compromise settlement, "opposition demands may

the governance of a country," the

The opinions expressed by both newspapers often reflect those of

in addition to Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore, ASEAN includes Indonesia, the Philippines

has made ASEAN one of the most successful regional organizations since its beginning in 1967, members have refrained from interfering in each other's internal affairs.
Officials said privately, however, that they deplored excessive use of force by That policemen and

One official said that he blamed General Suchinda Kraprayoon, the That prime minister, for touching off the rioting in Bangkok by ordering the arrest of mainstream oppo-General Suchinda accused Com-

munist sympathizers on Tuesday of infiltrating opposition protests and instigating violence, Anti-Communist rhetoric from

Bangkok will increase suspicions in Vietnam about the intentions of Thailand's military rulers, complicating the country's relations with Indochina, said Paul Wedel, a director of the Pacific Rim Consulting group. General Suchinda's need to

court support from business interests in Thailand that oppose lower tariffs may prompt Bangkok to seek a delay in forming the pro-posed ASEAN free trade zone, said Djisman S. Simandjuntak, an Indo-nesian economist and executive di-

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rector of the Prasetiya Mulya Manngement Institute in Jakarta. Thailand's partners in ASEAN

fear that violent confrontation in Bangkok will only prolong conflict and make a political settlement

Analysts said that, by openly challenging authority, the Thai demonstrators were sending a signal that maintenance of order in

the region might be more difficult in the future. Respect for anthority has buttressed stability in ASEAN

countries over the last decade of

rapid economic progress.

Some ASEAN countries would

be disturbed if General Suchinda

were forced to step down as prime

more difficult to achieve.

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agency photographs showing Thai security forces clashing with pro-

In an editorial Wednesday, The Straits Times in Singapore warned become more extreme, attracting a like response from the govern-

in Malaysia, the New Straits Times said the demonstrations showed that popular acceptance of coups as a way of political life in Thailand had ended. "It demonstrates that democracy and militarism cannot necessarily be mixed in

minister because it would "repre-sent a rise in people's power," said Bilveer Singh, a political scientist at the National University of Singa-The political culture in ASEAN,

he added, "is generally much more authoritarian than it is in the West To maintain the cohesion that That authority, first successfully class uprising against President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines in 1986, is coming under increasing criticism elsewhere in ASEAN as economic growth and education create new demands for

political participation. indonesia is in the midst of a parliamentary election campaign that will end June 3 to allow a fiveday cooling-off period before vot-ing on June 9.

The two opposition parties have

attacked the economic policies of Indonesia's longtime President Suharto, asserting that they help the rich more than the poor.

/ 1 the economy of Indonesia de-velops, the country's middle class is becoming larger and beginning to take a more critical approach to what it sees as nondemocratic elements in Indonesian society," said Bruce Gale, Singapore regional manager for Political & Economic Risk Consultancy Pre. Ltd.

How the Indonesian government and the politically influential anned forces adjust to the emermiddle class will be critical to Indonesia's stability.
But Mr. Gale said that political

should not be exaggerated. There is a stronger feeling in Indonesia than in Thailand that consensus is necessary because without it the country could tear apart" on ethnic, linguistic, reli-

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Midlife Myths: What About Men?

Studies Show Testosterone Drops, But Supplements Are Controversial

By Natalie Angier

EW YORK - With talk of menopause reaching a passionate pitch nationwide, many are beginning to ask how the other half of the baby-boom generation is faring as it approaches 50.

They are wondering whether middle-aged men experience a sculptured their youthful bodies and minds, and if so how that biochemical dip might affect their health and temperament.

Endocrinologists, who study the delicate balance of hormones, emphasize that there is no true male equivalent of menopause. While women's levels of the female hormone estrogen plunge sharply in a relatively short time, falling to vestigial amounts sometime between 48 and 52, men almost never undergo a precipitous change in concentrations of the male hormone tes-

Some doctors have dismissed the idea of a male menopause as a faintly ridiculous myth, the product of an overmedicalized culture obsessed with its health and pathologically fearful of aging and death.

Nevertheless, a number of recent studies have suggested that testosterone levels do siump gradually with age, perhaps by as much as 30 percent to 40 percent between the ages of 48 and 70.

Some researchers suggest the drop in testosterone causes a broad range of symptoms, including a decline in muscle mass and strength, a buildup of body fat, a loss of bone density, flagging energy, lowered fertility and fading virility.

LDER men also tend to lose the circadian rhythms that affect testosterone fluxes in younger men. In a man of 21, for example, hormone levels are at their peak first thing in the morning, which is one reason why young men often awake with erections; the levels then fall steadily throughout the afternoon and surge again slightly in the evening.

In a man of 65, said Dr. Alvin Matsumoto, an associate professor of gerontology at the Veterans Af-fairs Medical Center in Seattle. "that variation is generally blunt-

In Europe, researchers call the overall decline in testosterone activity "andropause," after the class of androgen hormones that includes restosterone; in the United States, a man's struggle with aging is more likely to be described with -the sardonic and more encompassing phrase, "midlife crisis."

Scientists are divided over whether any of the effects of gradu-"al testosterone loss are serious enough to merit treatment with hormone supplements, the male counterpart of estrogen replacement therapy in postmenopausal

Some gerontologists suggest that many elderly men may benefit from testosterone supplements. and the National Institutes of

Health recently requested research proposals to examine whether such therapy could help fend off bone loss, frailty and depression.

Others warn that the excessive use of male hormones could raise the risk of prostate cancer and cardiovascular disease, a large price to pay merely to hang onto youthful biceps and libido.

They worry that normal aging among men will come to be viewed drop in the sex hormones that as a deficiency disease and that men will be caroled into taking expensive and potentially hazardous treatments they do not really need.

"I don't believe in the male midlife crisis." said Dr. John B. McKinlay, an epidemiologist at Boston University who has studied aging in both men and women.

"But even though in my perspective there is no epidemiological, physiological or clinical evidence for such a syndrome. I think by the year 2000 the syndrome will exist. There's very strong interest in treating aging men for a profit, just as there is for menopausal women."

CIENTISTS also argue over whether a drop in testosterone is an inevitable consequence of aging that would occur in even the most robust men, or whether it is the result of ill health, overweight, underactivity, drugs taken for medical conditions like hypertension and diabetes and other factors that so often accompany the wearying job of staying alive.

"The findings on this have been quite variable," said Dr. S. Mitchell Harman, an endocrinologist at the National Institute on Aging in Bethesda, Maryland.

One study in Germany found surprisingly high testosterone levels in a group of healthy men over 55, and that only as the men advanced into their 60s and 70s and suffered serious health problems did their hormone concentrations measurably drop.

In contrast, researchers at the University of Washington in Seattle and Emory University in Atlanta have found that even among vigorous older men, the amount of active testosterone in the bloodstream is lower than in men under the age of 45, and many doctors say they believe that some degree of testosterone decline is almost inev-

Most studies indicate that the estes, rather than the brain, are to blame for any testosterone decline with age, and that for unknown reasons the testicular tissue becomes gradually less responsive to the tweak of pituitary hormones, leading to a drop in androgen pro-

What that decline does to body and mind is still being sorted out. It almost surely cuts down on sperm output, and particularly in the strength and mobility of sperm. A loss of testosterone could be part of the reason aging men have less muscle mass, more body fat and thinner bones than their younger counterparts.

The hormonal decline may also affect a man's mood, lowering his energy levels, his assertiveness and



Benefits and Risks Of Hormone Therapy

Homone replacement therapy is the administration of estrogen. with or without progestic, to replace hormones no longer produced by the overles: when a woman stops evulating.

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 Prevents osteoporosis árid bone fractures due to britleness.

Prevents heart attack and stroke

· Eliminates hot flashes

Prevents vaginal atrophy.

Prevents laxity of skin and pelvic muscles:

... but there are possible risks. Cancer of the uterine lining (endometrium).

Blood clots or hypertension.

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Source: "Managing Yout Menophasia," Ullan and Jacobourtz (Preville Half)

Should Menopause Be Treated?

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK — Menopause, long mired in myth and controversy and shrouded by a cloak of embarrassed silence, is fast becoming the leading women's health issue of the decade.

As baby boomers mature and life expectancy lengthens, the question of what to do about menopause has become central for millions of women, most of whom will spend more than a third of their lives in the postmenopausal years. Emboldened by a new openness, these wom-

en are now demanding better answers to the nagging question: to treat or not to treat menopause and the decades beyond with hormone

replacements.
The fact that women now feel comfortable talking about menopanse is a giant step forward in improving the health of postmenopaus-al women, "Dr. Vivian Pinn, the director of the National Institutes of Health's new Office of Research on Women's Health, said.

The issue goes far beyond relieving the temporary discomforts that most women experience to some degree as they pass through menopause. Studies suggest that only about 5 percent to 15 percent of women have menopausal symptoms bothersome enough to prompt them to seek medical attention.

Rather, the issue today focuses on more longterm, life-threatening and costly health con-cerns like heart disease, bone disease and caucer, as well as long-lasting quality-of-life issues like sexual satisfaction.

In a forthcoming report, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment puts it bold-ly: 'Few life events, other than aging, affect as many people as the menopause, and few other recently introduced medical interventions have as great a potential for affecting morbidity and mortality as does hormone therapy."

Yet, the agency noted that because meno-pause was long considered by doctors and medical researchers more an issue of comfort and vanity than health, there has been too little research on the long-term effects of hormone replacement after menopause.

On Monday, the agency said, "A woman's decision regarding the management of her menopause must be made under conditions of confusion and uncertainty."

Meanwhile, pharmaceutical companies are racing to develop more acceptable and safer hormone regimens in hope of capturing a mar-ket that already exceeds half a billion dollars and is still growing.

If manufacturers and enthusiastic doctors prevail, upward of 90 percent of women will take replacement hormones for three to five

This prospect womes many experts and alarms some who say much more must be known before the 40 million otherwise healthy women now in menopause, and the millions more nearing it, begin decadeslong therapy Sorely needed, the congressional agency said,

for how long a particular intervention will be effective, and in which body systems and or-

Some answers may come from the Women's Health Initiative, a study of 140,000 women in which participants will be randomly assigned to take different hormone therapies.

The government-sponsored study, which is expected to cost more than \$500 million, will examine the role of hormone therapy and other factors, like diet and exercise, in preventing the major killing and crippling diseases of aging

But the study, begun by Dr. Bernadine Hea-ly, director of the National Institutes of Health, s only in the formative stages and is expected to take 10 years.

Although much of the research done so far suffers from one or more methodological flaws.

Sorely needed are objective studies to determine who will benefit and how.

a host of studies suggest hormone replacement is potentially health-preserving and even life-

saving for most women. For heart disease alone, the data suggest. hormone therapy seems to cut the death rate in half during the postmenopausal years, when women's bodies produce little of the estrogen hormones that naturally protect them against

Estrogen replacement also slows the inevitable aging of the bones that can lead to debilitat-

Hormone therapy can also enhance the quality of a woman's life by preventing and even reversing disturbing changes in genital and un-nary organs, the nervous system and the skin.

These changes, along with hot flashes, night sweats and other problems, typically accompa-ny the declining production of estrogens by the woman's ovaries.

Most women seem to pass through menopanse with minimal discomforts or discuptions and seek no treatment. Only about 15 percent to 18 percent of postmenopausal women now take hormone replacements.

Social and economic barriers clearly stand in the way of some. But many other women who can readily afford hormone therapy are reluctant to try it. Some may be ignorant of the heart or bone problems estrogen depletion can canse. Others fear the medical disadvantages of taking potent hormones for years and perhaps for the rest of their lives.

Already smarting from the undisputed link first discovered in 1975 between estrogen replacement and endometrial cancer, many menopansal women are taking a long, hard look at the conflicting findings about estrogen's ef-

are "objective findings from well-controlled fects on the risk of breast cancer, the disease studies to determine who will benefit and how, that American women most fear.

. For many menopausal momen, the dilemm goes beyond weighing medical benefits versus risks. Some resist the implication that they have a kind of deficiency disorder that like disheres or thyroid disease, requires treatment with replacement hormones.

Others, angry about the long-standing professional inattention to this issue, find then selves with relatively little conclusive released

data on which to base a rational decision. Dr. Karen Steinberg of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, who analyzed the effect of hormone therapy on breast cancer. said, "While from a population standpoint the benefits of hormone therapy clearly ontonigh the risks, for the individual woman the decision has got to be based on each one's risk" of

ment homones influence.

The production of estrogens by the sames starts dropping at about the age of 35 long before a woman goes through menopar the decline accelerates at menonar woman's ovaries shut down and her mensions

developing the various diseases that replace-

cycles cease.

Many tissues throughout the body have reeptors for estrogen, meaning that the hormone offuences them in some way. Thus, a lack of estrogens affects genital organs (vagins, valva and uterus), urinary organs (bladder and ute-thra), breasts, skin, hair, nucous membranes, bones, heart and blood vessels, pelvic miscles

and the brain. Estrogen replacement alone cannot keep the internal and external ravages of age at bay indefinitely, but it can retard such changes in estrogen-dependent tissues and reverse many of them even if estrogen use is begun years after

menonanse has occurred. Thus, a decade or more after pain and bleeding have forced a woman to forgo intercourse estrogen replacement can restore the lining

depth and secretions of the vagina that are portant to sexual pleasure.

Most serious are postmenopausal effects on the bones, heart and blood vessels. When levels of circulating estrogen drop, the bones lose minerals faster than they gain them.

IP fractures result in fatal compli-cations in 15 to 20 percent of elderly women who suffer them. But women who take estrogen replacement sustain 40 percent fewer hip fractures than those who do not take the hormone.

By far the highest death rates accompany ostmenopausal changes in the circulatory system. After a decline in estrogen, many women experience a rise in blood levels of arteryclogging LDL-cholesterol and a decline in protective HDL-cholesterol.

This and other cardiovascular changes bring a sharp rise in heart attacks. Without estadgen treatment, women's cosonary mortality rate rises thirtyfold within 15 to 20 years of menopause. With the hormone, their risk of dying of a heart attack at any age may be reduced by 50 percent, several major studies have indicated.

Out of Africa or Elsewhere: Eve Theory Challenged

By John Noble Wilford

New York Times Service EW YORK - In the search for modern human origins, it has been five years. Molecular biologists studying certain genetic compo-nents of today's humans had come to the startlingly precise conclusion that all family trees lead back to a single African woman who lived some 200,000 years ago — the mother of all humankind, who inevitably came to be known as Eve.

his powers of concentration.

pleton, a geneticist at Washington insist that other evidence reassures of living people of different races University in St. Louis, Missouri. them that Africa is the most likely and from different continents.

oppose the hypothesis are clair victory. They argue that the fossil record tells a different story. In particular, they dispute the

Now the serpent of uncertainty Europe and Asia. has slithered into the garden. Its bite has undermined a critical statistical foundation for the Eve hy-Damaging flaws in the computer analysis leading to the hypothesis were uncovered by Dr. Alan Tem-

The inference that the tree of place for the emergence of the modhumankind is rooted in Africa is ern human species. They are less not supported by the data," he con- sure, however, of the timing.

idea of a single place of origin and the implication that modern, big-brained Homo sapiens arose in Africa as a brand new species and replaced, rather than mixed with, archaic humans there as well as in

Their view is that the evolution to modern humans occurred roughsimultaneously in many places. Geneticists at the forefront of the Eve hypothesis concede the statisti-

cal flaws in their analysis. But they

Dr. Mark Stoneking, a mo Anthropologists who vigorously biologist at Pennsylvania State University, said: "The data do indicate an African origin. But you can't say that the non-African ori-gin is statistically ruled out." Dr. Stoneking was a member of the research team, then at the Uni-

versity of California at Berkeley, that in 1987 reported the genetic analysis giving rise to the Eve hy-pothesis. Others on the team were Dr. Linda Vigilant, now also of Penn State, and Dr. Rebecca L. Cann of the University of Hawaii. The leader, Dr. Allan C. Wilson of

Berkeley, died last year. The Wilson group examined the mitochondrial DNA in the blood

part of a cell that converts food into energy for ments for the Eve hypothesis. the rest of the cell. Mitochondrial DNA is inherited only from the mother. It is passed down through generations, unmixed with paternal genes, and so is easily traced. Also, mitochondrial DNA is thought to mutate at a rapid and constant rate, making it an accurate evolutionary clock. This assumption is contested by some oth-

Last year, Dr. Vigilant and her colleagues reported results that they said provided the "strongest support yet" for a recent African origin of modern humans,

The greater genetic diversity of living Africans, compared with Caucasians and Asians, the biologists said, showed that they are the product of a longer evolutionary eage. Africans have had more Another geneticist working in

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We wastry of findings developed by HE mitochondrion is the Dr. Vigilant and others constituted one of the most convincing argu-

> The new statistical criticism, he said, did not change his view that the fewest ass modern humans originated in Afri-But Dr. Templeton, who dropped the bombshell in Febru-

ary in a brief announcement in the at was only one of these. The one journal Science, said recently that selected depended on the order in scientists might never be able to which the data were introduced resolve the issue of modern human

There is no computer program that exists today," he said, "that is guaranteed to reconstruct the optimum best tree" to prove the out-of-Africa hypother

Dr. Templeton is preparing a de-tailed critique for publication later this year in the journal American Authropologist. In his analysis of current genetic evidence, he said, the timing of modern human ori-gins could range from 100,000 years ago to one million.

this field, Dr. Douglas C. Wallace The Weakness in the Wilson of Emory University, said the di- group's analysis, Dr. Templeton said, lay in how the biologists used the genetic data to construct a family tree. Their computer program processed the data to find the most parsimonious tree, one based on mutations.

As Dr. Templeton pointed out, there could be millions of equally plausible trees, and the tree arrive

He also faulted the results be cause the trees generated were only for mitochondrial DNA, not for populations of humans. One strand of genetic evolution cannot be assumed to reveal the total evolution-

ary picture of a species. Right now, there's no statistical evidence supporting the African origin of the mitochondrial DNA we are studying." Dr. Templeton said. "Even if that was proven, it still does not prove that modern humans necessarily originated in Africa."

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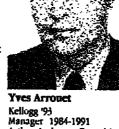
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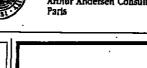
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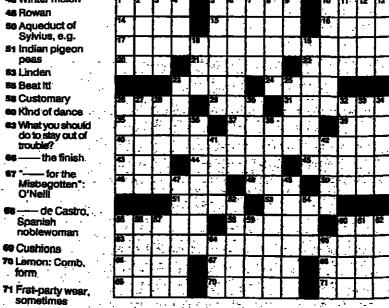
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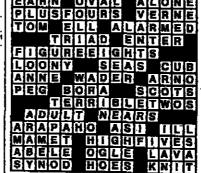
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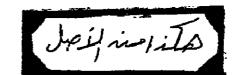
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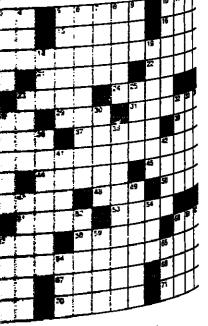
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Repression in Bangkok

Betraying His Country when Washington is their source. Bangkok

Apologists for last year's military coup in Thailand argued that it was benign, even constructive. The democratic government it example, the Bush administration eliminatit appointed to office were intelligent, honest and competent. And the coup's mastermind. General Suchinda Kraprayoon, solemply promised that he would never take political power into his own hands. But constructive coups are as rare in real life as unicoms. Today. General Suchinda runs Thailand as its unelected prime minister. He has brought back corruption and suffocates democratic government. Worst of all, he has ordered his troops to fire their M-16s at prodemocracy demonstrators. Scores have been shot in Bangkok. Protests have spread to other cities and the death toll climbs.

It is up to Thai leaders, especially King Bhumibol Adulyadej, to resolve this crisis by re-establishing democratic rule. The United States can also play a useful role. cooperation with this bloodstained regime. Now it needs to denounce General Suchinda in the strongest terms. Words matter in Thailand, especially

Troops Fire on Citizens

Another Asian military regime, in an implicit confession of moral and political Chamlong Srimuang, became a national bankruptcy, is sending its troops into the spokesman for democracy and the battle streets to fire on citizens demonstrating for democracy. This time a confrontation of official power and popular urgency is crest-ing in Thailand. Dozens have been killed, hundreds wounded and thousands detained as the military dictator, General Suchinda Kraprayoon, who made a coup last year and, although unelected, had himself named prime minister last month, clings to power.

The military has held the commanding heights in Thailand for 60 years. In the Cold War period, a case of sorts could be made that the country's threatening circumstances required, or at least made useful, a strong hand at the helm. It mattered, too, in recent years that military rule seemed not incompatible with economic growth. But with the defusing of regional tensions and the burgeoning of an educated middle class, the army's rationale for power has diffused, and a strong civilian claim to power has been validated. Also, the military establishment

Pathologists who performed the autopsy

on John Kennedy now reaffirm that he was

struck by two rifle shots from the rear. By

organizing and publishing this restatement

of a key finding of the Warren Commission,

The Journal of the American Medical Asso-

ciation has performed a service for reason-

Heated claims of conspiracy endure even

after three decades; the clamor will probably

never end entirely. But this basic physical

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All that Dr. James Humes and Dr. Thorn-

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The "beveling" or angle of the bone fracture at the back of the skull makes clear the

direction of the bullet that blew away the

side of the president's head. It is like deduc-

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Conspiracy buffs remain free to contend

all they please that other would-be assassins

fired (and missed) in Dallas on that terrible

day in November 1963. Or that Lee Harvey Oswald was only the point man in a conspir-

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the high officials named by the character
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able people and reason.

will go to considerable lengths to avoid jeopardizing its military and economic links to the United States. Several weeks ago, for ousted was clearly corrupt. The technocrats ed a proposed prime minister from further consideration when it denounced him as a suspected drug figure and therefore ineligible to travel to the United States. Surely Americans regard shooting peaceful demonstrators to be as repulsive as drug dealing Declaring General Suchinda persona non grata could spur his departure or a face-saving compromise.

Chamlong Srimuang, the leader of the current protests, is a former general. But in two terms as governor of Bangkok he earned respect for decency, competence and devotion to democratic ideals. Those ideals are now supported by many in the

urban middle and working classes.
Until recently, Thailand seemed poised for further economic gains. Now it risks being dragged down into turmoil. By putting personal ambition ahead of Thailand's interests. General Suchinda has betraved the rhetoric of his own coup. And he has betrayed his country.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

got carelessly greedy, both institutionally and personally. These are the conditions in which a retired general turned ascetic,

against corruption. Leader of the current demonstrations, he is now under arrest. The United States has lived comfortably with military rule in Thailand for many decades, especially during the Vietnam War, when Thai support for American regional purposes was highly prized. More recently, Washington has sought to display in Thailand some of the same devotion to democratic values that it has asserted in less strategic places; it suspended aid, for instance, at last year's coup. Still, the latest events caught the American government in the embarrassing

circumstances of conducting joint military exercises with the Thai army. Too many Americans have seen economics-oriented authoritarian rule in such places as Thailand as an accepted and acceptable state of affairs. There never should have been any doubt, in the armed forces or among the Thai public,

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Jim Garrison, the New Orleans prosecu-

tor whose relentless pursuit of a conspiracy

is glorified in the film, knew of this evidence

and its clarity. So did the jury that swiftly

acquitted Clay Shaw, the businessman whom Mr. Garrison falsely accused of con-spiracy. The Stone film omitted this evi-

For these and other reasons, it makes

considerable sense for the federal govern-

ment to declassify and publish reams of still

secret information. Students of the assassi-

nation who are neither hysterical nor para-

noid believe that there is still much to learn

about the assassin and about the actions of

intelligence agencies. Congress is proceed-

ing wisely to create a commission for that

purpose. To be credible, that commission

must have the power to override the resis-

tance of intelligence agencies.
Yet the Bush administration has opposed

and even threatened to veto a bill moving in both houses. Why? Because the White

House insists that Congress respect the

president's ultimate authority over secrets. Would that George Bush understood as clearly as the medical journal how much

more important it is to satisfy the public's rightful quest for the rest of the John Ken-

nedy assassination story. Frustrating it will only feed the flames of suspicion.

dence from its portrayal of the trial.

about whose side Washington was on.

valuable messages that only they will deliver. Frequently they back out what many other nations will only whisper. It is too early to tell if this is the case in the aftermath of Los Angeles. With America's political and social responses to the riots still taking

But the subdued, oblique and openly embarrassed responses that foreign visitors offer when I bring up the riots
— they respond as if I had just mentioned a death in the immediate family - suggests that they see Los Angeles

terrand's May I statement on French

MEDianian

By Jenonne Walker not only to ensure that humanitarian aid

gets through but also to prevail over the thugs terrorizing the country.

But that is only the first step and not necessarily the hard part. To ensure more than a temporary truce, the West must also find ways to protect the human rights of Serbs

living in an independent Croatia or Bosnia. Western governments must also do every-thing possible to keep ethnic tensions in other

countries from getting to this point.

They must first stop confusing the status quo with stability, and instead provide peaceful means of change.

The United States, Canada and Europe have made impressive commitments in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe on how governments should treat their citizens, including minorities. Those standards should be expanded to include peaceful means of resolving secessionist claims, including acceptance of third-party involvement in internal disputes and the results of internationally organized referendums.

But fine words save few lives. A panel of international jurists should monitor minority grievances. Diplomatic and

economic sanctions should be imposed on governments that violate minority rights — before passion overwheims any calculation of rational self-interest. And an outside military force should be put on the ground before fighting starts and while mediation efforts proceed — or now in Macedonia.

Perhaps most important, multilateral forces need a mandate to keep peace, not just observe it so long as it lasts. A military force unwilling to fight is a poor deterrent. All this must be done together. Merely

preventing violence defends the status quo. None of this will be painless, safe or cheap. Economic sanctions will hart the innocent as well as the guilty, but surely the innocent would suffer less than they now are in Bosnia. It is hard to separate hostile groups when they are mixed street by street, but Americans do not take that as reason not to use soldiers to quell urban violence in their own cities.

Getting serious about peacekeeping will mean putting American soldiers at risk, sometimes under non-American command and in

sinstions that do not directly threaten us, It may also mean leaving them there for a long

slog, without a decisive victory.

Enforcing embargoes, getting homanitarism aid to the innocent, expanding the concept of peacekeeping — all will cost money.

But the share of the United States would be a

lot less than it now spends keeping combat. divisions sitting in Germany.
It was a said day when Russia joined America's NATO allies in a United Nations force for Yugoslavia while Washington declined even token participation. Why do we need American troops in Europe if they are not going to be used for real security problems?

America alone cannot avert future Yugo-

slavias, but nothing can be done without American leadership and active participation. Enrope's peace is far more threatened by ethnic and other tensions within states than by aggression across borders. If America stillwants to remain a power there, it cannot be absent without leave — AWOL.

The writer, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Outsiders Watch America Respond to the Los Angeles Question

WASHINGTON — Americans can usually count on the French to point out our flaws. In the matter of the Los Angeles riots they have not failed us.

WASHINGTON — As horror unfolds in Bosnia, Western leaders deplore the

violence but avoid serious action. The State

Department spokesman says she is "not

aware of any American security interest at

stake, while European Community foreign

ministers schedule consideration of econom-

ic sanctions for mid-June. This is a green

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Serbian assets should be frozen immedi-

ately. Serbia's planes should be denied inter-

national landing rights. And a total military

and economic embargo should be enforced except for humanitarian assistance.

greatly beefed-up international military force.

The United States should offer to join a

troops in Europe if they

real security problems?

The president and the prime minister of France have helpfully noted in interviews in Paris that the burning, looting and killing in Los Angeles were the product of American political and social choices, not isolated occurrences. Alarmed commentary in the French media amplified the image of America falling apart.
Since the time of Charles de Gaulle,

much French criticism of America has been knee-jerkism practiced by a people and their politicians who define their national identity by resisting the American model. They dispute, they oppose, they differ — therefore, they exist. Descartes knew his people well.

But it is dangerous to dismiss the French with our own jerk of the knee. For all the tendentious sermonizing, times the French have harsh but

shape, foreigners cannot know what the long-term meaning of the riots will be, for us or for them.

as an important tragedy in our national life, with long-lasting fallout.

That sense pervades François Mit-

By Jim Hoagland

radio describing Los Angeles as "a racial and a social conflict all in one" happening in a country where "there is an absence of social legislation and protection." America, he noted "is a conservative society, with a free market economy, and we see some of the results" of conservative neglect in the

Los Angeles strife.
The French president skirted close to portraying Los Angeles as a kind of cultural Chernobyl for the United States — a brutal wake-up call that will either shake America into action or poison the nation if nothing is done about this disaster.

Whatever his intention, Mr. Mitterrand's intervention in American domestic matters spurred Secretary of State Jim Baker into immediate action. Mr. Baker, the architect of George Bush's 1988 electoral victory, dispatched a blistering cable to French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas asking, in effect, whose side Mr. Mitterrand was on anyway.

Mr. Dumas has been trying to un-ruffle the Bush and Baker feathers ever since, first in a conciliatory response to Mr. Baker and then during a visit to Washington last week, without retreating by even a comma from what Mr. Mitterrand said.

Mr. Mitterrand's comment "was made in the heat of the moment," Mr. Dumas said over breakfast at the residence of French Ambassador Jacques Andréani here the other day. "It described the social context of the problem, and did not in any way put into doubt the respect President Mit-terrand feels for President Bush."

Mr. Bush and Mr. Baker are inclined to treat Mr. Dumas's explanation as an apology and to move on. it is in their short-term interests to do

so rather than give continued promi-nence to criticisms of their domestic policies by a foreign head of state. But Americans should not brash off Mr. Mitterrand's basic point solely because it was uttered with a French accent, or because Mr. Mitterrand

was grinding his own political ax.

The French president meant to draw a sharp contrast between France's generous social welfare policies and America's survival-of-the-fittest ethos. With tensions growing in and around France's Arab and African ghettos, he was reassuring his elec-torate that "it won't happen here" as long as they stick with the Socialists.

That is part of the traditional French-American game. But there are enough parallels between Mr. Mitterrand's pessimism about the American system and the unguarded remarks that Japanese political and business leaders have been making about

social cohesion to mise some funda-mental questions about how the rest of the world sees America today.

Diversity, we have long argued to the Japanese and other uncompre-hending foreigners, is a key to Ameri-can strength, not a fatal weakness. Our system turns diverse national, ethnic and racial groups into Americans and draws new strength from the process.

That has been perceived to be true for two centuries. The violence of Los Angeles asks in direct, embarrassing fashion if Americans still see diversity as a source of strength, or as an insurmountable problem to be con-

tained by force.
As we Americans debate what to do about Los Angeles, we should recall that the whole world is watching. The immediate test of America's ambition to maintain world leadership is occuring today not in Berlin and Scool but in California's City of Angels.

The Washington Past.

The Official Rhetoric So Far Hasn't Been Serious

SOUTH BEND, Indiana — In a speech both unctuous and, to a university audience, condescending, George Bush told the University of Notre Dame Commencement on Sunday that family values create social stability, and that "government is simply not enough" to instill those values. This unexceptionable argument was delivered in terms suggesting that gov-ernment scarcely has a role at all in America's social crisis, and that President Bush himself is little more than a concerned-bystander. After what has happened in Los Angeles, it was a-

Democratic Convention Preview:

strange performance.

By William Pfaff It was above all strange when Danposed to the self-serving assumptions of activists and politicians. --

iel Patrick Moynihan was also on the platform, being honored by Notre Dame. In accepting the university's Lactare Medal, the Democratic senator from New York spoke succinctly about the ghetto family in America, a subject on which he has been a prophetic analyst as well as an advocate of policies much attacked from left and right for the challenge they have He said that cohort after cohort of

American black males have reached maturity deprived of firm male role models and stable family circumstances, without trades or useful education, with no reasonable prospect of meaningful employment — without "man's work" to do, as Pani Goodman put it more than 30 years ago. He said that those national leaders who ailowed this have invited the conditions that now prevail in big cities. Those programs to strengthen fam-

ilies and provide training and em-ployment to the black underclass that were established under Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon (in both of whose governments Mr. Movnihan served) were deliberately neglected or dismantled under the Reagan and Bush administrations. Mr. Bush en-

The riots in Los Angeles have changed the political dialogue in the United States, making social policy an unexpectedly serious electoral isspe. Polls indicate substantial public support — indeed, public demand for new measures to deal with the problems of the black underclass. There is a near tangible spirit of goodwill in the country today.

But goodwill is not enough. It simply is not serious for Mr. Bush to tell a Notre Dame audience which is overwhelmingly white, middle-class and Roman Catholic that family stability is a good thing. What news is that? What responsible point is made by saying it while doing little at the feder-al level to support the family? The problem of the black under-class is rooted in the 250-year practice of slavery in America and in the centu-

ry of quasi-official racial segregation and oppression that followed Emancipation. The underclass thus produced was, with the civil rights legislation of the 1960s, offered a promise of es-cape from racial discrimination and the poverty that overwhelmingly were part of the black condition. Those who could seize this opportunity did so and escaped the ghetto.

During the Reagan and Bush administrations, however, the United States has seemed to say to those who failed to escape that the fault is theirs; they have been given their chance.

The principal public preoccupation has become the attempt to assure the security of those outside the ghettos overwhelmingly white — from the depredations of rootless and violent young black men. This effort has not been very successful, so that American cities today, their shops, offices, apar-ments and homes, must be fortified

gests an urban America under siege.
As for the black poor left behind. the rest of us step over their ragged persons in downtown Los Angeles, on Connecticnt Avenue and in Georgetown in Washington, and on Madison and Fifth Avenues in New York avoiding eye contact, glancing over our shoulders, ignoring their requests for spare change and incrying on. On the political right it is contended

that destitution and misery for some is an essential discipline of the market, a matter in which race is of no intrinsic significance and where interference would distort the market's ultimate benevolence. On the left the destitute are offered advocacy but are also treated either as a class phenomenon again, apart from race — or as if their condition were a career decision or life-style choice,

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It is politically incorrect to say the poor are poor — blighted, anisotable, derelict — since this might seem condescending and damaging to their self-esteem; they are described as econom-ically challenged, and called "street people." Churches enjoin us to respect the street people. You and I are home or apartment people; they are street people. To each according to his taste. The New Republic, which still claims to be a progressive magazine, proposes as the "only" rational solu-tion to the crisis of the ghetto the elimination of all federal welfare programs and their replacement with a single program offering a governmentgnaranteed job to anyone who will work. As it is a fundamental charactenstic of the ghette that a large part of its population is incapable of working, for good reasons or bad, this plan

ing, to good reasons or that, has pain is let-the-rest-perish with a veageance. No new stroke of policy will elevate the underclass. That "magic bullet" solutions which actually would further impoverish the poorest in society are seriously proposed, while many Re-publicans, including the vice presi-dent, continue to explain the Los An-geles affair as Lyndon Johnson's fault, drives one toward the conclusion that America's political class today, as a whole is postical class today, as a whole, is incapable of a serious re-

sponse to the racial crisis. There will be no reconciliation between the races other than by patient, pragmatic, long-term programs to bring the black underclass to something approaching full participation in productive society. Even now, with concern pronounced on all sides, there is little sign that this actually will be attempted.

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zuelan news has been furnished by the Herald's correspondent on the spot, and everything the Herald said has been confirmed by passengers of the Red D Line steamers, President Palacio's own bulletins and by mail advices received by merchants in this city. President Palacio has just expelled from Venezneia the correspondent of the New York Recorder, and has offered a generalship in the army to the person who discovers the identity of the Herald's correspondent. as he wants to expel him also.

1917: Regent for Poland

Stephen of Austria. A proclamation to this effect will be made shortly in the Central Empires.

1942: 'Sixth Columnists' WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] Former President

Herbert Hoover said last night [May 19] that if the United States is to win this total war. President Roosevelt Democracy can cornect mistakes only through public exposure and opposition to them."

Other Comment using the crowds to make these points

Two Shots, From Behind

In Bangkok as in Beijing?

The Thai government of Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon seems to be proudly copying the Chinese in the way it is putting down its political enemies. What is happening in Bangkok resembles the bloody events around Tianamen Square in Beijing three years ago. The military does not only fire warning shots over the heads of government opponents but also aims its shots at the crowd. The army has confirmed what the population has been claiming for a long time: In reality, Thailand has a military government again, even if the general at its head is no longer active in the armed forces. Many those who stood up against General Suchinda might have been satisfied if he had at least had a parliamentary mandate. - Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

The demonstrators are fighting against what they see as manifold betrayals by General Suchinda: his decision to accept the premiership after saying he would not; his inclusion in the cabinet of members not known for their honesty in the Chatichai Choonhavan government, which he overthrew because of its alleged corruption; and, lastly, his reneging on a pledge to allow constitutional amendments that would make it necessary for the premier to be elected. However, it would be unrealistic to believe that the opposition politicians who are

defend political principles and not political interests - their own. There is a great deal — The Straits Times (Singapore).

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of self-serving politicking going on in Thai-land, in which the opposition is implicated as much as anyone else. What is tragic is that ordinary Thais have to pay for it.

As is true everywhere in Southeast Asia, economic progress has wrought some fundamental changes and given birth to rising demands. It is, of course, not for us to say what is best for the Thais. Our only hope is that all the parties involved in the current conflict may see reason before too much damage is done. The first to benefit from stability and continued growth would be

- The Jakarta Post.

The notion that economic freedoms can flourish without democracy is once again being tested to death, this time in Bangkok, capital of one of the world's most rapidly growing economies. General Suchinda has chosen to send in the troops rather than accede to popular demand that he stand down as prime minister. He has merely set the stage for further and probably more violent confrontations, jeopardizing Thai-

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Clinton Has Only Seven Weeks Left

W ASHINGTON — Bill Clinton is in a jam. Neither George Bush nor Ross Perot is worry-free, but Mr. Clinton has the most work to do in the shortest The problem is not so much that

the Arkansas governor runs third in current polls behind President Bush and industrialist-billionaire Perot. Superficially at least, the margins are not insuperable. And the elec-tion is almost six months away.

Mr. Bush has to come up with some kind of response to the Los Angeles riots. He is squirming under

the necessity of mucking about in

domestic policy, which has never been a comfortable area for him. Mr. Perot has had a wonderful run as the cracker-barrel commentator on the failings of both parties' political establishments. Millions of disillusioned voters love it when he gives Washington hell. But now he is near the point where he has to begin to define himself — to pick a run-ning mate and a set of broad principles on which to run.

Still, Mr. Clinton's task is more

urgent and daunting.

If you are the Democratic challenger, the weeks leading up to your nominating convention are the time when you have to consolidate your base for the autumn campaign There are more nominal Democrats than Republicans. Republican general election campaigns are designed to split the Democratic coalition and peel off dissident or weak Democrats. If the Democratic nominee does not have those folks at least temporarily corralled by midsum-

mer, he has little chance of with-

standing the defections of the fall.

By David S. Broder

President Gerald Ford in 1976, he had a 33-point lead at the time of the Democratic convention and held on to win by 2 percentage points. In 1988, Michael Dukakis had a 17-point lead at convention time, but lost by 8 points. Mr. Carter and Mr. Dukakis built

up those early leads by rolling up sizable victories over remaining loes in most of the May and early June primaries. Mr. Clinton has been trouncing Jerry Brown, but there is no sign of consolidation. A CNN-Time magazine poll shows him with only 41 percent of the sampled Democrats in a trial heat against Mr. Bush and Mr. Perot.

Mr. Perot is clearly a big part of Mr. Clinton's problem, for he has stolen the spotlight at a time when Mr. Clinton needs to get at least the Democrats to take a second look at him. The problem is acute. Mr. Perot is expected to make his formal declaration of candidacy and perhaps reveal the choice of his running mate late next month. If he does, he could easily eclipse the normal buildup that the Democratic challenger receives in the weeks leading up to the mid-July Democratic convention.

Mr. Perot has the potential to change the whole story line for that convention in a way that could be crippling to Mr. Clinton's credibility. Current polls show Mr. Clinton running third, not only in national trial heats but in many of the individual states that a Democrat must carry in order to have any hope of gaining the White House. It is not rare to see polls showing him re-When Jimmy Carter ran against ceiving barely more than a quarter

Unless the governor can find some way to upgrade his standing—and prospects—dramatically between now and the July 13 opening of the Democratic convention in Madison Square Garden, the story line for convention week coverage inevitably will become: Will the Democrats jettison Clinton?

Realists recognize that even in a year as unpredictable as this one, the man who comes into the convention having won most of the primaries and more than half the delegates is unlikely to have the nomination snatched away from him. But that is not the real threat.

The concern for Mr. Clinton must be that reporters working the delegations will find local party officials and candidates for everything from sheriff to senator cutting themselves loose from the presidential nominee. Even in his hour of triumph in

Atlanta four years ago, Mr. Duka-kis was damaged by the rumbles from Democratic convention delegates from almost all the South, much of the Midwest and the entire Mountain States region that he just wasn't connecting with their voters. You could write — and many of us did — that even when the national polls showed Mr. Dukakis ahead of Mr. Bush, it looked doubtful that he could assemble a majority in the Electoral College.

Mr. Clinton faces far bleaker convention week coverage, unless he can improve his situation dramatically in the next seven weeks. Mr. Perot and Mr. Bush have plenty of problems and vulnerabilities of their own, but they have more time to work their way past the hazards. The Washington Post.

ZURICH - A telegram from Berlin states that in the course of the war council yesterday [May 19] at Ger-man Headquarters, the constitution of the Government of Poland and the appointment of a Regent were definitely decided upon. The Regent will certainly be Archduke Charles must be invested with "dictatorial economic powers," and he described such powers as those of "just plain Fascist economics." However, 88serting that economic dictatorship must not encroach upon civil liberties, Mr. Hoover advocated more freedom for "sixth columnists"

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Slavia Burng When Government Spins Money in a Closed Circle By George F. Will WASHINGTON - With the tides cally unsympathetic evaluators. The evaluators are socialized for sympa-

ong higher and higher. Washington's hands stop trembling only when Washington is wringing its hands in unleigned hornor about the coming constimuousl amendment to require a balanced budget A sufficient reason for natifying the amendment is the hor-ror it inspires in the political class that has transformed American democracy into sutonarchy."

That word was coined by James L.

payne, a scholar who has taught at Yale and Johns Hopkins and elsewhere. He asked a simple question and in answering it came up with some stunning statistics that he reported in The Public Interest quarterly two years ago — and nothing much has changed since then. His question was: Why do members if the House of Representatives and the of the House of Representatives and the Senate support so many spending programs? One reason, he found, is that amost no one testifies against spending. He analyzed the testimony of 1,060 witnesses in 14 hearings on proposed spending. Soften witnesses opposed spending, 39 were neutral (they testified about something else) and 1,014 favored.

spending 39 were neutral (they testified about something else) and 1,014 favored spending. This 145-to-1 ratio reflects Washington's inbred persuasion process. Mr. Payne says that people suppose, because democratic theory teaches, that Congress responds primarily to individuals and groups "out there," beyond the Beltway. Not so, "Overwhelming programs are shaped by government officials themselves."

Of the 1,060 witnesses Mr. Payne studied, 47 percent federal administrators, 10 percent were state or local government officials, and 6 percent U.S. senators or representatives testifying to colleagues. So 63 percent represented government acting as an interest group.

Another 33 percent were lobbyists for groups purporting to be, and generally perceived to be, private-sector institutions. But, Mr. Payne says, many of these groups are "semi-governmental entities." Often their leaders are former government officials socialized in government's benign view of its own notives and competence.

Furthermose, many of these groups are extensions of government in that they receive government contracts and grants. He cites the National Council of Churches, the National Education Association, the League of Women Robins the Sierra Club and other envi-

connental groups.
Government's peculiar persuasion process also includes billions of goverament dollars spent biring consul-tants to evaluate government programs or the need for programs. These consultants are not famous for frowning on the work of the government agencies that the shenguity more than the sgencies hystimbus for hiring politi-a ration on to salky an comment

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evaluators are socialized for sympathy. Many are former government officials inclined to favor what government wants: more. An evaluator who wants to be invited back to the federal banquet will, when confronted with a failing program, prescribe "better man-

agement" and more money.

Mr. Payne says that when he discrassed his 145-to-1 finding with congressional staffers they were surprised -surprised it was so low. He also found -no surprise, this -that among representatives and senators, Republicans as well as Democrats, support for spending

increases as tenure does. There are two reasons for a broad correlation between length of service and enthusiasm for spending. One is the socialization into the government mentality. Another is that spending is the principal way members achieve

Today, for example, the ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, Joseph McDade, is in serious legal trouble but no political trou-ble. He has been indicted for racketeering, conspiracy and accepting bribes. He shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty, but he can be presumed guilty of what he boasts about and what causes his constituents to care not at all about his legal troubles: He is a billion dollar industry for his district.

Pennsylvania's 10th district -Scranton and its environs - used to be coal country. Today it relies on a different kind of extraction, its 15term congressman's mining of the U.S. Treasury. Federal, state and local governments have collaborated with each other's growth. The scores of millions he has won for Scranton's "Steamtown," the notorious boondoggle of a railroad museum, is just a fraction of the estimated \$1 billion he has shoveled to his voters.

They are not ingrates. Not since 1976 has a Democratic opponent held him below 65 percent of the vote. He was unopposed in 1990. This year he won not only the Republican nomination but also, by a write-in campaign, the Democratic nomination. Next year he will begin his fourth decade as a participant in American - what? Democracy? Maybe. But Mr. Payne's

analysis of Washington's incestuous closed circle of government in conver-sation with itself led him to muse about if rule by a king is monarchy, and rule by a single individual is autocracy, and rule by a few is oligarchy, and rule by the people - the demos - is demo-

cracy, what word describes government that controls itself? Mr. Payne suggests autonarchy. Ugly word. Ugly fact. Good reason for a balanced budget amendment. Washington Post Writers Group.







LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shun Ethnic Nationalists

With the breakup of Communist governments, the world is experiencing an unprecedented reorganization and birth of new nations. Unfortunately, there is a dominant trend to define the new nation-states throughout Eastern Europe along ethnic lines. This has immediately resulted in severe internal conflicts, to the point of civil wars in Yugoslavia and

the former Soviet Union.

The newly born Baltic states as well as Armenia and Azerbaijan are moving to exclude ethnic Russians from citizenship. In each case, differentiation between those who belong to the newly formed national entity and those who are to be excluded is based on ethnic or religious affiliation.

These nascent nations are importuning the developed nations to support their development and implicitly endorse their "racial" definition. Despite their nationalization of ethnic bias, they are seeking both economic and "hu-manitarian" aid. Would we be supporting real democracy or merely subsidiz-

ing the dominant ethnic majority?

The countries being born from the ashes of communism need to realize that

national boundaries precludes growth as players in the international community. Why should the United States and the European Community not move to impede the growth of nations that will de jure be based on religion or ethnic puriiv, for example by denying favored trace status or financial support to such na-tions? Should not the EC adopt a policy denying membership to countries de-fined by ethnically restrictive laws." In these positive ways, the free world can influence human rights in those nations purporting to join the community of free world countries. It may be impossible to stop individual prejudice, but perhaps

Yes, Threaten Belgrade

we can discourage and inhibit institu-

tional, specifically national, prejudice.

WILLIAM CURTIS CONNER Jr.

Regarding "Threaten Milosevic With the Saiklam Treatment" (Opinion, April 27) by Anthony Lewis:

As the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina escalates, it becomes once again clear that external pressure is the only thing that can check Serbian aggression. And so, as Anthony Lewis suggests in history teaches that ethnic definition of his article, give Belgrade an ultimatum:

Withdraw your troops, halt this aggression upon your neighbors, or prepare for a military strike yourselves. Even the threat of such action will probably show up Mr. Milosevic for the coward he is. JON E. ENGDAHL Idar-Oberstein, Germany.

A Truly Global Network

How does the world respond when a repressive regime raises the self-serving argument that foreign journalists are meddling in its affairs and must be expeiled? Why not call upon the United Nations to establish a globally minded. objective network that embraces television, newspapers and radio? Think of it: News 24 hours a day along nonpartisan. nonregional, non-trade-bloc lines, in the spirit of the UN Charter.

Could a government question the objectivity of a UN-sponsored news net-work? For their part, mess with the UN reporters and you risk sanctions. UNN, the United Nations Network,

could produce movies with global themes. UN-label compact discs and tapes would feature promising young artists from around the world or deal with global issues like AIDS and birth control. The danger, of course, would be bu-

Italy: Getting Ahead in Life By the Coloratura Principle

By John Navone

ROME—It is no accident that Italy's presidential election has been described as comic opera. After all. Italians invented opera. Il symphonic music, where conformity is valued, order is imnortant and rules are many, symbolizes the dynamics of German society, opera best symbolizes the Italian way of being in the world together with all others.

Just as bella figura expresses the Italian ideal of looking good, hel canto expresses the Italian ideal of sounding good. Beau-

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ty in both appearance and sound is all part of making a good impression. The coloratura principle, improvisation, is at the heart of Italian life. Coloratura - the extemporary decoration of vocal melody in the form of runs, roulades and cadenzas - demands the ability to improvise. The composer leaves the improvisation to the skills and imagination of the singer. Italians envision their lawmakers as composers who presume their genius and skill for improvisation.

The lawmaker, like the composer, does not specify everything. General guide-lines should suffice for people with a genius for improvisation. The coloratura principle vexes and bewilders people of a egalistic, legal-minded and fundamental istic cultural background.

Opera is histrionic or theatrical. Even

of global television ratings. Bores and

fundamentalist zealots need not apply.

Criticism Begins at Home

worry more about people being pushed

out of French trains because they are of

North African origin; about people be-

ing dug out of graves because they were

Jewish; about children being shot out-

side suburban housing projects because

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ALEXANDER BESHER.

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If life is theatrical, to be is to be performing. Life is not so much actionas acting. The only real statement is overstatement If there is going to be any opera at all, someone has to be center stage: the, prima donna. Significantly, it is a wornan who acts as the organizing principle. for both the music drama that is operaand the drama of Italian life Mamma is not only chronologically

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sume that languages are exclusively for speaking. But if life is opera, as it is for

Italians, everybody on stage and in the

audience has to near you: otherwise,

life/opera does not work.

but also psychologically the prima don-na ("first lady"), the focus of Italian life, secular and sacred. The mother of Jesus, the Madonna, is central to Italian reli-gious life. Life without mamma — the prima donna both in heaven and on earth — is inconceivable.

The numtessential Italian favoring of

melody in opera expresses the demand that life be beautiful. Its disparate elements must be integrated, composed and harmonized. Melody expresses the Italian quest for simplicity and harmony within the welter of human complexity based on the assumption that the only simplicity that counts is that which resulis from mastering complexity. The good opera/life entails the ability to orchestrate complexity according to some freely chosen melody/piot line.

reaucrats. The solution could be to de-Many of the most melodious Italian termine tenure according to the strength operas were written when Italy was dominated by foreign powers and ransacked by invading armies. The ability to create melodic operas in those times of adversity suggests some pre-conceptual power, akin to that of Joan of Arc. for the hearing of "hearenly voices," In response to the report "Mitterrand Blames U.S. on Social Policies" (May 2): inspiring Italians with the hope of working through the all-encompassing chaos. Where there is melody there is hope. President François Mitterrand should

Verdi's stirring youthful music became a symbol of the Italian people's desire for freedom, but it was also because of its fervor, melodiousness and dramatic power that "Nabucco" was performed not only in Italy but also within a decade in cities as far afield as Berlin, Constantinople, St. Petersburg and London. As chaotic as Italian life and politics

appear to foreign observers. Italy has consistently made progress since the end of World War II to become the world's fifth industrial power, in a way that combines all the befuddling and amazing qualities of grand opera.

The Reverend John Novone, S.J., is pro-fessor of biblical theology at the Gregorian University in Rome He contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

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Selection of the select Federated Branches Out **Into Information Systems**

By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

EW YORK — When Federated Department Stores Inc. emerged from bankruptcy protection in February, the born-again company was no longer simply an operator of eight department-store chains. Federated

had entered the information-processing business.

Through its Sabre Group (not related to American Airlines' Sabre reservation system), Federated is selling to other retailers the computerized inventory-management and back-office recordheeping service it uses in its own stores. R.H. Macy & Co. has been a Safire client since 1990, under a contract worth \$6 million

a war to federated.

In an industry that long relied on merchants' creative inmision, but lately finds itself
preoccupied with minuscule or nonexistent profit margins, department stores are finding that information technology can help identify which prodncts are selling and warn of which ones may be slouching

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The technology helps retailers identify what's hot and what's not.

toward the clearance bins. "It gives you instant access to information that helps you make indements about how to run your business, which you never had before," said Glen H. Griffith, chief executive of Sabre, based in

Norcross, Georgia.

Federated is by no means the only big U.S. retailer to automate its inventory and sales records. Dillard Department Stores has a similar system of its own, as does May Department Stores Co. and others. But because retailers tend to be extremely proprietary about information their stores generate, companies have tended to run their own systems.

In a move that should help Sabre establish its operation as distinct from Federated, the group recently selected International Business Machines Corp. as its outside vendor. Under the agreement, non-Federated retailers will contract with IBM for the computer hardware and software that will enable them to use the system. So far, Macy is the only outside customer, but Sabre officials say they are courting other retailers.

ABRE centralizes all back-office and inventory-manage-ment functions that used to be done on paper by each of Federated's eight divisions. The consolidation should allow Federated to manage inventory more efficiently, analyze sales

and speed up the restocking of stores. The system drastically reduces overlap and allows buyers and managers at, say, Burdine's, to compare that chain's performance with Steans, Abraham & Straus or any other Federated division.

Sabre tracks inventory from the time a purchase order is placed through the delivery and distribution process until a sale is made. It keeps track of payments through an accounts-payable system, tells a user when a delivery was made and where, and records each and every sale.

By accounting for the inventory before it enters the system, right up until it leaves the system, the company keeps less inventory on hand and marks down less merchandise.

The most informative data comes straight out of the cash register when a sale is made, Mr. Griffith said. By looking at sales information, a buyer knows what's not and what's not early in the season, reordering merchandise and marking down slow-selling

seasin, tendening merchandise and marking down slow-sealing goods accordingly.

Bayersar his Bon Marché division can see what is doing well in apolitic division and order some of the merchandise for them-selves, or conversely, avoid bad decisions made by colleagues in other parts of the combany.

A large portion of Sabre's 1,000-member staff devote them-

selves to nothing but keeping the systems current. For example, they installed "wands" at cash registers that are waved over the universal product codes on all price tags.
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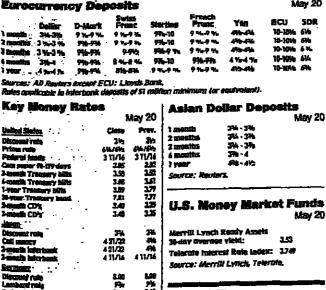
phers. Previously, orders were written out and posted and then entered into manufacturers' computers. Now the exchange of order-information goes directly from computer to computer.

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Philip Morris Wins Battle for Tabak

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PRAGUE — In one of the largest U.S. investments in the former Soviet bloc, Philip Morris Cos. has agreed to pay \$413 million for. control of the Czechoslovak cigarette manufacturer Tabak, bearing an offer from R.J.

Reynolds Tobacco Co. in a fierce bidding war. The investment, the largest made by a for-cign company in Czechoslovakia after Volks-wagen AG's pledge to put \$6.4 billion into the Skoda antomobile factory, is indicative of bur-geoning U.S. interest in Czechoslovakia. Mart Bakal, a senior U.S. adviser to the Privatization Ministry, said that U.S. companies had committed \$1.4 billion to Czechoslovak investments, most of it in recent months.

Among these investments, he said, were 589 million by Coca-Cola Co. in the Praszke soft drinks company, KMart Corp.'s invest-ment of \$118 million in the Prior & Ma Department Store, Dow Chemical Co.'s \$250 million in the Chemicke Zavody Sokolov company and Teepak Inc.'s \$27 million in the

Cutisin sausage-casing firm.

Although final contractual details of the Tabak sale are still being hammered out,

officials for Philip Morris and the Czechoslovak Privatization Ministry said there was no doubt it would go through. "It's a done deal," said Louis Camilleri, Philip Morris's vice president for Eastern Europe.

Under the terms. Privatization Ministry officials said, Philip Morris would pay 2 total of \$226,2 million for 65 percent of the company. This will be divided into an initial investment of \$104.2 million for the first 30 per-

cent, followed by the balance within a year. Philip Morris will subsequently invest \$187 million in modernization of Tabak and bring its equity stake above 80 percent. The balance

will be held by the public.
Earlier reports about the deal had said
Philip Morris would take just 30 percent of
Tabak, which controls 65.7 percent of the

Czechosłovak cigarette market. The Philip Morris deal, coming after a long period of U.S. hesitation during which Ger-man companies plowed \$2.5 billion into the country, appears to reflect a growing convic-tion that Czechoslovakia offers strong longterm prospects despite current difficulties.

Output plunged 19.5 percent last year and inflation soured to 57.9 percent, but the cour-

try has now brought inflation under control and is pushing forward with the most aggres-sive privatization plans in the region. With low labor costs, a skilled labor force and a central position in Europe, the country is being viewed an increasingly attractive export base by U.S. and other Western companies.

Mr. Camilleri said Tabak would be used to provide cigarettes for what Philip Morris sees as "a phenomenal growth of exports to Russia, which is short of cigarettes, and also to Central Asia."

Mr. Bakal said the U.S. company's business plan spoke of exporting at least 1 billion cigarettes a year to the countries of the former Soviet Union

Philip Morris appears to have paid a very high price for the company. The investment bankers advising the Czechoslovak govern-ment said Tabak recorded a profit of about \$2 million in 1990, on sales of about \$170 million.

Both R.J. Reynolds, which bid \$291 million for Tabak, and Seua of France had protested that the sale was unfair, saying that Philip Morris was provided with privileged information on Tabak. But a Privatization Ministry official said the claims had been rejected.

Fiat to Invest \$2 Billion in Poland

WARSAW -- Fist SpA agreed on Wednesday to invest around \$2 billion in a new company to be formed with the Polish carmaker FSM, the biggest foreign invest-ment in Poland so far. The capital of the new compa-

ny, which will take over FSM's automotive activities, will be \$200 million, of which 90 percent will be taken by Fiat, with the remaining 10 percent retained by

the Polish government. The protocol of agreement, signed by Andrzej Olechowski, the caretaker finance minister of Poland, and Renato Ruggiero, deputy chairman of Fiat, followed

The final agreement will be signed on May 28, pending ap-proval from the Polish government and the Fiat board.

Guglielmo Capra, chief Fiat negotiator in the FSM talks, said the
\$2 billion included the repayment
to creditors of about \$800 million invested in the new FSM-produced Cinquecento model, which was launched in December. "This will have to be repaid to

the institutions financing this initiative," he said.

The remaining \$1 billion con-cerns all the future investments which will have to be made in the new company to restructure its factories and install machinery to years of difficult negotiations. launch a new model, which will replacement, as yet unspecified, would be produced within the next four years.

FSM has been producing the Fiat-designed 126 model since it was founded as a state-owned company in the 1970s. It recently became a joint stock company in the first step toward privatization.

Fiat said the new company would employ more than 18,000 people and manufacture up to 240,000 Fiat 500s, or Cinquecentos, a vear.

"This is an especially joyful moment, because we are signing the biggest-ever loreign investment agreement in Poland." said Prime

replace the 126," he added. The Minister Jan Olszewski, who attended the signing ceremony.

> A Polish negotiator. Zbigniew Piotrowski, said the name of the new company and some details concerning the restructuring of FSM's debt still had to be worked out. He refused to provide any further details.

> Fiat has already laid out more than \$500 million for moderniz-ing the FSM plant, based in Bielsko Biala in southern Poland. to make some 160,000 cars a year of the new model.

The new company will become the biggest Fiat production facility outside Italy.

(Reuters, AP)

Salomon to Pay \$290 Million In Settlement

Inc. agreed Wednesday to pay \$290 million to settle U.S. government accusations that the firm systematically submitted billions of dollars will be suspended beginning in lune in phony bids in during auctions of Treasury bonds.

In a significant victory for Salomon, the government agreed not to bring criminal charges against the

That decision was crucial for the survival of Salomon, because the firm last August after the seasscores of municipalities, pension funds, mutual funds and states will not have to reassess whether they should do business with a firm facplex fraud cases, notably E. F. Hut-

The settlement appeared to be an endorsement of Warren E. Buffett's strategy of quickly agreeing to cooperate with authorities and ourging the company of executives involved in the auction. Mr. Buffett is chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., which owns a substantial stake in Salomon, and he was brought in as the brokerage house's interim chairman after the scandal

The penalties represent the secin the Drexel case, but they pose no financial jeopardy to Salomon. Last quarter, it posted a profit of 5190 million and its securities dealership alone holds more than \$2

Indeed. Wall Street viewed the

settlement as a coup for Salomon WASHINGTON - Salomon its shares jumped after the announcement, rising \$2.876 to a \$33.50 close.

As part of the settlement, the firm for two months from doing any business with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which everutes the central bank's open-market operations. Following that suspension. the Treasury Department and it would lift sanctions it imposed on

from submitting bids for customers in Treasury auctions. SEC officials said they were ing criminal charges. Other large moved by the firm's pleas that Wall Street firms involved in commore severe sanctions could be catastrophic because they would ton & Co. and Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., could not survive criminal charges.

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In its complaint, the commission asserted that Saiomon had violated anti-fraud and record-keeping provisions of federal laws by submit-ting 10 false bids between August 1989 and May 1991 that resulted in the acquisition of more than \$9.5 billion in Treasury securities in vio-

on all firms. The firm was also accused or failing to supervise the traders who ond-largest fines ever assessed by initiated the trades and of issuing a securities regulators, trailing those misleading news release in August misleading news release in August that did not disclose that executives knew that phony bids had been submitted.

lation of the limitations imposed

Left unresolved is the late of former senior executives of the firm, including John H. Gutfreund.

Cautiously, U.K. Cheers New Hint of a Recovery

By Erik Insen

International Herald Tribune LONDON - The evidence may still be slim but with figures released on Wednesday showing that retail sales in April had risen 0.8 percent, economists were suddenly prepared to cross their fingers and all but bury Britain's long recession.

"Everything is now in place for an economic recovery in a way that has not been true since the recession began," said Patrick Foley, chief economist at Lloyds Bank. Like many others, Mr. Foley admits that he has not felt so bullish about Britain's growth prospects since the recession began more than 18 months ago.

Even the memory of last autumn, when signs of an economic pturn were blotted out by falls in industrial production and a sudden rise in unemployment, is not enough to chasten most

They point out that the first stirrings of recovery had been enough to cause industry and retailers to boost inventories in anticipation of sales demand that never came.

In fact, some economists talk guardedly about the danger to their forecasts posed by a "positive surprise," of demand briefly threatening to swamp supply and in turn causing a sudden explosion in production to fill the gap. As it is, the government reported on Tuesday that industrial production in the first quarter had risen for the first time since the recession began, albeit by a slim 0.3 percent.

"I think that if next month's retail sales figure is at this level the government may actually begin to worry that the recovery is taking off too rapidly," said Mr. Foley.

It's a Coin Whodunit, but Who Knows? discovered 103,000 counterfeit gold coins. They

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - After two years of government leaks and speculation, one of Japan's most intriguing financial whodunits has entered a

A lawsuit filed here demands resolution of the mystery: Did the Japanese police uncover the biggest and most well-financed counterfeit operation in history, or instead commit a major blunder by seizing 103,000 genuine gold coins as fake and incorrectly accusing a Briton of dealing in them?

Paul Davies, the British coin dealer at the center of this strange affair, insists that several misand of the coins confiscated from him two years ago are genuine. In his suit, Mr. Davies demands that the coins be returned, or that he be paid for their full value, plus interest,

The suit is intended to force the police to do something they have failed to do for the last two years - prove the gold coins are indeed coun-

"We cannot comment on what our position will be in court because we have not seen the petition yet," said Akira Ono, deputy director of the Finance Ministry's Treasury division. "But on the question of whether the coins are counterfeit or not, there is no question about it. They are clearly counterfeit."

The mystery first became public in February 1990, when the Finance Ministry said it had are said to have appeared among the 11 million special coins the government minted in 1986 and 1987 to commemorate the 60th year of the reign of Emperor Hirohito. The coins actually served several purposes. They were regarded as a fitting way to mark the

If the coins are counterfeit, who could have afforded to purchase all that gold, and then refine and mint it?

emperor's long rule and Japan's emergence in the 1980s as an economic powerhouse. But they were also a major money-making enterprise.

There was a gold fever in Japan at that time, and the coins, slightly larger than a quarter, with the imperial chrysanthemum symbol stamped on one side, were eagerly snapped up

by collectors.

The Finance Ministry took advantage of that fervor by giving each coin a face value of 100,000 yen (about \$778), the price at which they were sold and could be redeemed. But the coins included what was then only about 40,000 yen worth of gold each. That meant the government earned about 60,000 year on each coin it

sold, a total of some \$5 billion if all went well. The markup also meant that if some clever forger could manage to buy tons of gold, refine it to the unusually pure level of 99.99 percent used by the Japanese government, and mint exact replicas, he or she could also claim these extraordinary profits.

It has been reported, however, that almost a

million of the official coins went unsold. In a news conference in Tokyo on Tuesday, and later in an interview, Mr. Davies said he

had been contacted in 1988 by a reputable Swiss coin dealer, asking if he would be interested in purchasing a large number of the coins. and then redeeming them in Japan at the 100,000-yen face value. who lives in En

cultivated the Japanese market over the last decade and that it was his largest source of coin-

dealing business. The Swiss dealer told him that the coins were coming from a Middle Eastern source, who was never identified, but who was reported to be interested in selling about 150,000 of them. Union Bank of Switzerland has also said that it agreed to purchase some of the coins from the

same dealer and then redeem them in Japan. From August 1988 through December 1989. Mr. Davies said he redeemed 37,695 of the now-suspect coins in 29 deliveries, all of which were properly declared to customs and the

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O&Y Faces Pressure in Britain Hunt for Assets Raises Bankruptcy Question

By Steven Prokesch

New York Times Service
LONDON — The chances of Olympia & York Ltd. avoiding a British bankruptcy action ap-peared to dim on Wednesday as Morgan Stanley & Co. began searching for assets of the Canadian developer that it could seize to

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settle a legal dispute. Olympia filed for protection in the United States and Canada last week, unable to service its \$12 billion in debts, but it has been negoti-ating with creditors to keep its massive Canary Wharf office development in London out of bankruptcy proceedings.

The dispute with Morgan Stanley, the U.S. investment-banking firm, involves 25 Cabot Square, a completed building in Canary Wharf.

Morgan agreed to pay for the building to be constructed and Olympia agreed to buy it for \$240 million and then lease the firm about two-thirds of the building's 45,000 square meters (500,000 sonare feet). Morgan Stanley has contended that the payment should have been made on Dec. 12. Cashstrapped Olympia has argued that it was not due until June 30.

On May 14, hours before Olympia filed for bankruptcy protection. from creditors in Canada and the United States, a British appeals court upheld a previous court ruling in Morgan Stanley's favor. Alter a follow-up hearing Wednesday in the British court, Olympia said it was considering another appeal.

After Wednesday's closed hearing, Olympia said it "understands that no steps are currently being taken to enforce the order" and that Morgan Stanley leaders "are considering their position." But a person familiar with Mor-

gan Stanley's intentions said the

reason it had not asked the court to

enforce the ruling was it first want-

ed to try to find unencumbered

assets of Olympia. "They intend to

can be used to satisfy the obligation," said the person, who insisted on anonymity.

"We're looking at everything," said a Morgan Stanley spokesman.

This suggests that Morgan Stanley plans to test the bankruptcy protection granted to Olympia by Canadian and American courts, At least at on the surface, the money owed to Morgan Stanley would seem to fall under the Canadian filing: the entity that signed the contract with Morgan Stanley, Rochemoor Ltd., is a special-purpose company set up by the Canadian parent company and has no other

An Olympia spokesman said the company believed the Canadian and American bankruptcy courts would protect it from any such action by Morgan Stanley. It seems likely "that any action by Morgan Stanley would infringe" either or both court orders "unless undertaken with the leave of the relevant court," the spokesman said.

involvement in Canary Wharf.

At least for now, Canary Wharf is not in bankruptcy proceedings. Its 11 construction lenders, whose more than \$1 billion in loans are backed by other buildings in the development, have given the project money to keep construction going until the end of the month. Canary Wharf an impact."

press ahead to locate assets that now consists of nine completed or can be used to satisfy the obligancearly finished office buildings, a completed retail complex and a small office building whose steel

structure has been erected.

If Morgan Stanley could somehow make a claim on other Canary could — the development could be forced into bankruptcy administration or receivership in Britain.

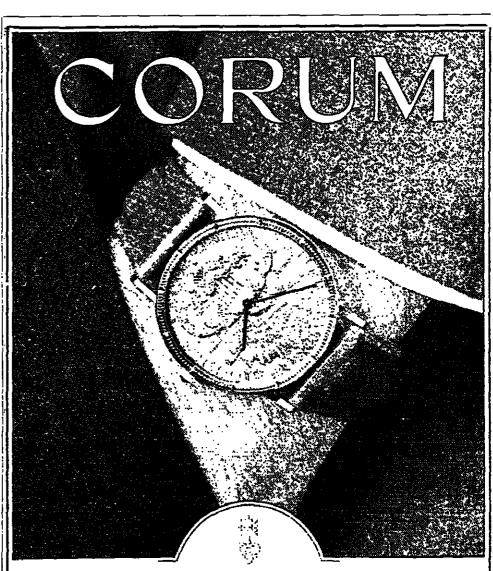
If this happened. Olympia would probably lose operating control of the development and the 11 banks would decide the fate of the project. which is less than half-linished. This, in turn, would greatly reduce Olympia's hopes for emerging from the various bankruptcy proceedings with its main real estate operations in Canada, the United States and Britain largely intact.

■ Calm View for Canada

Michael Wilson, the Canadian industry and international trade minister, said in London the financial crisis threatening Olympia & York would not have a major impact on the Canadian economy, Remers reported.

"O&Y is not a positive develop-ment for the Canadian economy." Wilson said, "But I don't see O&Y having a major impact on the Ca-





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Stocks End Mixed Amid Steady Rates

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - U.S. stocks ended mixed Wednesday on disappointment that the Federal Reserve did not move to lower interest rates.

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"The driving force for this market continues to be the anticipation that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates further in the next few weeks." said Ricky Harrington, director of investment policy and investment management at Marion

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Bass Securities in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Many traders had expected the Fed to lower rates following the report on Tuesday of a 17 percent plunge in housing starts in April.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 21.96 points on Tuesday, to a record high, fell 4.15 points, to 3.393.84. Blue chips rose to a high of 3,404.34 before computer-guided sell orders knocked them lower, traders said.

"There are an awful lot of people who think this market is running on fumes, without real quality fuel." said Robert Stovall, president of Stovall/Twenty-First Advisers. "The Dow industrials bump their heads against 3,400 and down they

Among the broad gauges, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index slid 0.98, to 415.39. Stocks ended slightly lower on the American at 48%.

Stock Exchange, but slightly higher

in over-the-counter trading. Decliners edged out advancers on the Big Board. Volume totaled 193.8 million shares, up from 187

General Motors paced the Big Board actives, down is at 3914. The world's largest automaker and a key Dow component announced the start of its global offering of 55 million shares of common stock, which was priced at \$39 a share late Tuesday and increased from 50 million shares planned in the origi-

Disney followed, down 11/2 at 39%. Limited was third, falling is to

Oil shares were lower following reports that members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries were expected to agree on an increase in third-quarter production.

Salomon shares jumped 2%, to 3312, after the Securities and Exchange Commission said the company had agreed to pay \$290 mil-lion in penalties and related items to settle civil charges that it violated Treasury bidding rules at several securities auctions. Traders said the rise in Salomon reflected heavy buying by short sellers.

Among the blue chips, IBM was down is at 91% and Philip Morris

Intel led the OTC actives, up 114 (Bloomberg, UPI)

DATA: Imports Widen Trade Gap

(Continued from page 1)

Aubrey Zaffuto of AZ Economics in Far Hills, New Jersey, "and they will probably grow as a share of our economy as activity increases."

prompted economists to lower their estimates for the Commerce Department's regular revision of the first-quarter gross domestic

Foreign Exchange

product, which had shown an annual growth rate of 2 percent. With the rise in sales and inventories Federal Reserve Board's Open some estimates rose to 3 percent. but the rise in imports, which count term interest rates to boost the as a drag on the economy, put most estimates below that level.

erration in exports, the question 129.550 yen, from 129.125. The remains whether they will continue to grow enough to counterbalance er, depressed by the trade figures. the expected import gain. So far. the trade deficit is running at an dollar down somewhat, the figures annual rate of \$60 billion, not too were lower than expected," said different from last year's gap of Hugh Walsh, foreign-exchange

ment Securities forecast that export bounded when it appeared that the growth would continue in capital Fed would not ease interest rates." goods, precision instruments and industrial materials, but he said the Swiss francs from 1.4600 and to main demand would not be from the developed regions of Europe and Japan but the "continued \$1.8385.

healthy growth" of rest of the Pacific Rim and Latin America, especially Mexico, Argentina, and Brazil, all climbing out of debt that held them down in the 1980s.

The March trade figure also Fed Inaction Aids Dollar The dollar rose against other ma-

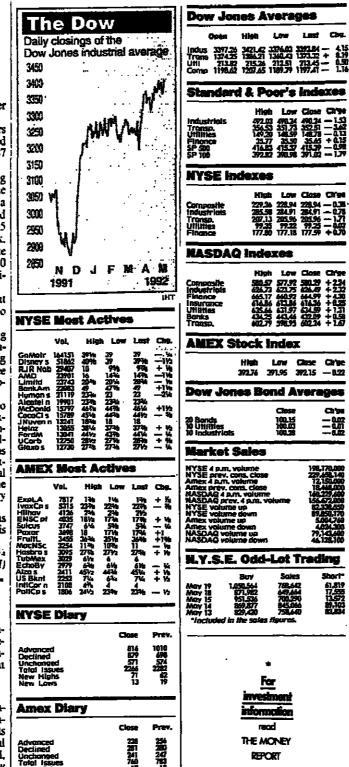
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Saudi Official Leaves OPEC Talks

NASDAQ Diary

VIENNA — Oil Minister Hisham Nazer of Saudi Arabia unexpectedly dropped out of OPEC strategy talks on Wednesday and sent a junior inister into a major clash over oil output and prices,

Saturday

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Verbal battle lines have already been drawn between Sandi Arabia and Iran over oil prices. Serious talks are scheduled to get under way Thursday at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries conference, Saudi sources said Mr. Nazer, 59, was exhausted by trips to the United

States and Kuwait. But a Western oil industry source said: "I think he is sending a message to OPEC. He doesn't want to negotiate under pressure from countries like Iran."

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DETROIT (NYT) — General Motors Corp. got more takers than it expected for its stock offering enzishing the largest U.S. indestrial company to sell 55 million shares, or 5 million more than it had planned.

The final price, \$39 a share, was only 25 cents below GM sclosing price. The sday of \$39.25 on the New York Stock Exchange. The offering price reflected confidence among investors, because demand at nearly the current market price exceeded the planued supply of shares. Late Wednesday, the stock closed at \$39.

The offering is the largest ever by an American company, topping the 1987 sale of Conrail stock, which raised \$1.46 million.

Armed with \$2 billion in cash, Chairman Robert C. Stempel will arrive at the company's annual meeting on Friday with renewed confidence, but, industry experts say the auto giant still faces many challenges. GM is expected to use the money to strengthen its balance sheet and to help it develop new cars and upgrade its plants.

BONY Buying Barclays of New York

NEW YORK (NYT) — In a move to strengthen its presence in New York's suburbs, Bank of New York Co. said Wednesday it had signed a etter of intent to acquire Barclays Bank of New York.

The agreement would add 64 branches to Bank of New York's existing network of 223 branches in the New York metropolitan region. The deal, the terms of which were not disclosed, would also add \$2.2 billion in new ssets to Bank of New York, which has assets of \$40.1 billion. The bank also said it intended to file this week a proposed offering of 8

million shares of common stock. Barclays Bank PLC will continue to operate in New York for its large corporate and investment business, but the acquisition of Barclays Bank of New York will mark the end of Barclays' retail operation in the United

If the transaction is finalized, it would continue Bank of New York's local-market acquisitions of the late 1980s of Long Island Trust Co. and Irving Bank Corp. Carole Berger, an analyst at C.J. Lawrence, Morgan Grenfell Inc., applanded the strategic move, "assuming it was priced appropriately," she said. "It's the kind of move you would like to see in market consolidation."

Halliburton Seeks Overseas Activity

DALLAS (UPI) — Halliburton Co., shifting its focus overseas because of the sharp decline in U.S. oil and gas drilling, said Wednesday it had set up an office of the chairman to pursue new global opportunities.

The diversified energy-service and engineering company named W. Bernard Pieper, 59, president and chief executive officer of Halliburton's Brown & Root subsidiary, to serve in the new office, along with Halliburton's president, Dale P. Jones. Both will report to Thomas H. Cruiksbark, Halliburton's cheirman chief executive. Mr. Pierer has been given the lalliburton's chairman chief executive. Mr. Pieper has been given the new title of vice chairman of Halliburton.

American Airlines May Lighten Load

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — American Airlines, seeking ways to reverse recent losses, told shareholders Wednesday it was considering

abandoning money-losing markets.

Robert L. Crandall, chairman of AMR Corp., the airline's perent refused to outline where American might scale back, although he said the days of rapid growth at the airline appeared to be over. Mr. Crandall said was considering "many nontraditional options" to restore financial health to the carrier, which had a loss of about \$240 million last year.

Macy Plans to Shut Down 8 Stores

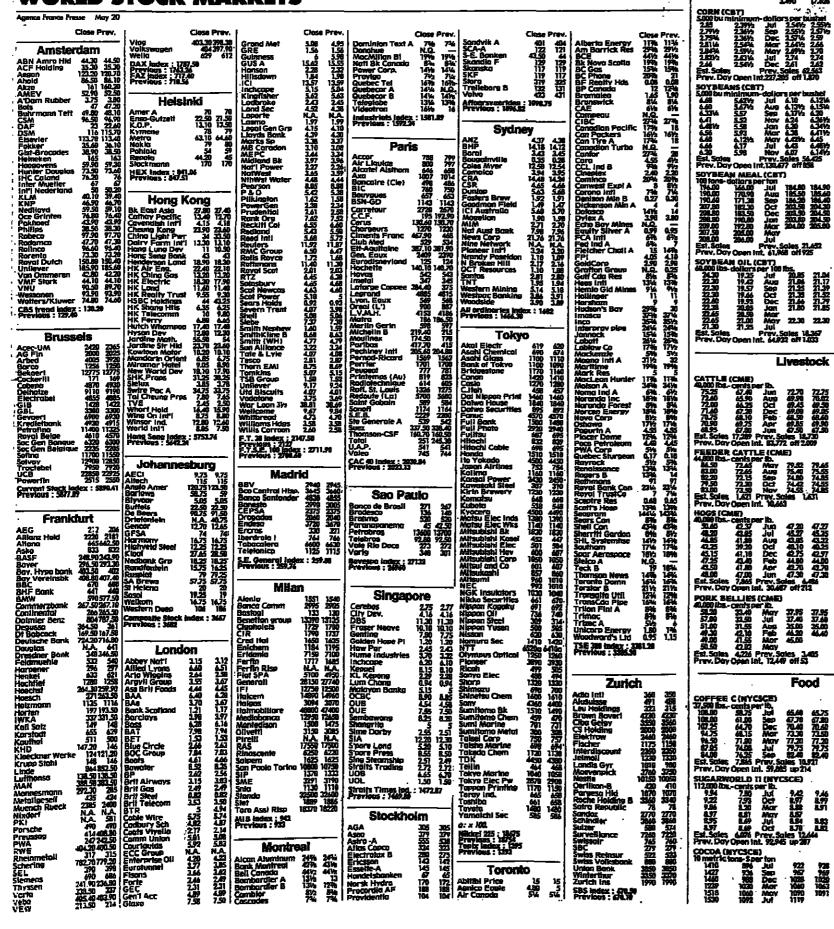
NEW YORK (Reuters) -- R.H. Macy & Co. said on Wednesday that is planned to close eight of its 120 department stores by Aug. I after

concluding that they were "underperforming."

The company said that the stores were being closed because of unsatisfactory profits, a lack of growth potential and, in many cases, "the need for significant capital improvements." Macy filed for Chapter II bankruptcy protection in January.

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Supporting Roles in Kazakh Oil Deal

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON — The newly signed oil deal between Chevron Corp. and Kazakhstan, the biggest partnership so far between an American company and a former Soviet republic, was reached only after two years of touch negotiations and the intervention of a Middle East sultanate, an international oil trader, a New York investment-banking house and a London law firm.

Chewon and Kazakhstan broke an impasse Energy and reasonable of the donly after County, a Bermuda-based Dutch oil trader named John Deuss, J.P. Morgan & Co. and the London law firm of Shaughter & May intervened as advisers to the Kazakhs, according to Chevron and the Omani government. The talks were complicated by the collapse

of the Soviet Union, but there were fundamental problems that made this deal a poten-tial believether for Western investment in the Commonwealth of Independent States, On one hand, investors are nervous about commining their money to formerly communist countries that have no modern track records. while the Kazakhs were worned that they were being exploited by greedy capitalists. Mr. Deass, a prominent international oil trader who serves as an adviser to the Omani government and as a director of the government-owned Oman Oil Co., has long sought a role as a sort of oil statesman, offering, for example, to broker a partnership between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-OPEC oil-producing nations. Late last year, when negotiations between Chevron and Kazakhstan appeared stalled, Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos ibn Said, agreed to provide newly independent Kazakhstan with technical and financial advice. Apparently at Mr. Deuss's urging, Sultan Qaboos designated Oman Oil as the instrument of aid. Mr. Deuss joined with J.P. Morgan and Slaughter & May as consultants to the chief

Kalyk Abdullayev. Herman T. Franssen, oil adviser to the Omani government and a friend of Mr.

Kazakh negotiator, Deputy Prime Minister

Chevron and Kazakhstan broke an impasse only after a sultanate, an oil trader, an investment-banking house and a law firm intervened.

Denss, said Monday that "Oman has worked with the Kazakh government to see how they could facilitate discussions with the parties." Chevron executives said they believed that Mr. Deuss, who once lost a fortune trying to corner the market in North Sea Brent oil, was acting only as a paid consultant and would not have any interest in the oil to be produced. But unconfirmed reports in the trade press have said that Mr. Deuss's company, ransworld Oil, would receive the right to buy up to 40,000 barrels a day of crude from the Kazakh fields. Mr. Deuss was present as Chevron's chairman, Kenneth T. Derr, and President Nursultan A. Nazarbayev of Ka-

The agreement calls for Chevron and Kazakhstan to be equal partners in developing the Tengiz oil field, located in northwestern Kazakhstan near the Caspian Sea, and to share the sales revenue 50-50. Kazakhstan. however, will actually receive 80 percent of the overall revenue because it will extract royalties and taxes from Chevron's share.

Chevron, the world's fifth-largest oil company, with about \$40 billion in annual revenue, said its agreement to develop the 4,000 square kilometer (1,600 square mile) Tengiz field called for a total investment by both partners of about \$1.5 billion in the first three years and up to \$20 billion overall.

When Tengiz and a smaller nearby field included in the deal reach full production at the end of this decade. Chevron said, output should be about 700,000 barrels a day. Combined with production from other fields, that would put Kazakhstan about on a par with Algeria as an oil exporter — not a giant in a league with Saudi Árabia or Russia, but an important supplier assured of a steady source of hard-currency earnings for many years.

Chevron estimated the amount of oil that can be extracted from the Kazakh fields at 6 billion to 9 billion barrels, comparable to the yield of Alaska's Prudhoe Bay. By acquiring title to half a reserve of 6 billion barrels, Chevron with a stroke more than doubled the worldwide reserves under its control.

There appears to be no question that Tengiz and nearby fields contain large pools of oil — Kazakhstan is already producing 60,000 bar-rels a day there. Chevron's role is not to find oil but to develop the fields, which contain large amounts of poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas, and to get the oil to export markets.

Russian Oil Tax Threatens U.S. Firm's Plans

but he refused to answer questions.

zakhstan signed the agreement on Monday,

Bloomberg Business News

HOUSTON - A \$6 per barrel Russian export-oil tax is threatening three projects Global Natural Resources Inc. wants to pursue in the republic, the U.S. company disclosed in its quarterly filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The projects would probably prove unprofitable unless the Houston energy compa-ay wins at least partial exemption from the tax, which Russia levied in January, Global said in its quarterly report.

The company has been selling U.S. energy properties to focus on overseas investments. The Russian tax also threatens to delay Printential Insurance Co.'s sale of about 4.5 million Global Natural shares, or about 20 percent of Global's outstanding common stock, according to Jim Daily, Global Natural's treasurer. Prudential would create the shares by converting Series A preferred stock.

The company's shares were trading at \$9.25 Wednesday afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange, down 25 cents a share. In April, Mr. Daily said Global expected to register up to 5.18 million of its shares controlled by Prudential for a public offering by the middle of May. He refused to provide a

schedule for the offering and instead referred questions to Prudential Karen Howell, a Prudential spokeswoman, confirmed that Global is registering Prudential's shares but refused to say when the

insurance concern would sell its stake. The tax threatens three ventures Global is developing, in addition to a project that al-ready recovers evaporated oil from equipment in the oil fields of the Tatar Republic, an autonomous area west of the Ural Moun-

tains on the Volga River.
Global operates in Russia through a 40 percent-owned joint venture with a company that runs the Tatar Republic's oil fields. By March, Global had invested \$4.5 million in the venture. The company may invest an additional \$20 million this year.

Global is awaiting government approval on two of the proposed projects. One project is seeking to increase oil output from wells in the Romashkino field and the other plan calls for drilling oil wells and operating output at the Onbysk field. The third project, a program to rehabilitate and develop wells in the urban areas of the Romashkino field, remains under negotiation.

How the tax will affect Global's vaporrecovery project, which is in operation, is

Bass Boosts Profit 21% **As Cost Cuts Pay Off**

nounced Wednesday a 21 percent rise in first-half profit in defiance of deep recession in its main U.S. and British markets.

The company owns the Hohday Inn chain and its beer brands include Bass ale and Tennant's.

Bass, reporting a pretax profit of £271 million (\$498 million) in the six months to April 11, attributed the increase to stringent cost controls and a decision to hold back on spending plans.

The company boosted its dividend by 6 percent, to 5.25 pence per share, and Bass shares closed 11 pence higher at 630 pence on the London Stock Exchange. Operating profit for the brewing

business, Bass's biggest division in terms of revenue, rose 18.5 percent

"Everyone in the company has worked hard to reduce the cost base of each of our businesses and prepare them for the economic upturn." said the Bass chairman. Jan Prosser. He said there was little evidence so far of any increase in demand, although confidence had improved in Britain since the governine Conservative Party was reelected in a general election on

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Suring after Bass's struggles in 1991

LONDON — Bass PLC, the to meet new British beer market world's largest hotel operator and rules and combat the effect of the Britain's biggest brewer, an- U.S. recession on its Holiday Inn hotel chain.

> "Bass clearly had its problems last year, and there are still some doubters out there," said Colin Davies, drinks-industry analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "This result is giving them reassurance."

Operating profit at Holiday Inn. hit last year by the impact of the Gulf War on travel, rose 27 percent to £54 million. Cost control helped improve margins at Holiday Inn, which now has 327,989 hotel

Bass bought the Holiday Inn-business in North America in February 1990, making the company a leading player in the international hotel market, with hotels in 52

Proceeds from Bass's £558 million rights issue in March 1991 helped reduce the company's interest costs. Interest payable fell to £67 million, from £88 million, while interest receivable leaped to £40 million, from £13 million.

In Britain, Bass successfully completed the biggest part of its pub sales program required to meet government rules on how many pubs a brewer can control. It has pril 9. sold 2.250 pubs out of the 2.740 it Analysis said the result was reas-

Land Securities Profit Rises **But Portfolio Value Drops**

Congiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - Land Securities PLC, Britain's largest property company, said Wednesday that pretax profit rose 6 percent in the year ended in March, despite a 12.6 percent decline in the value of its portfolio.

The company, which raised its dividend to 21.75 pence per share from 19.75 pence, recorded a pretax profit of £227.5 million (\$418.7 million). Analysts said the result showed that in spite of the depth of the recession in the British real estate industry, well-managed property companies

could remain profitable. Chairman Peter Hunt said the deterioration in the office market in central London was largely behind the decline in the company's portfolio value, to £4.3 billion.

Mr. Hunt also warned that profit could not be expected to rise so sharply in future years, "until a substantial upturn in the economy feeds through into rental growth."

The results were within analysts' forecasts, but the dividend increase bolstered the company's stock. Land Securities shares rose 9 pence to 449 pence on the London Stock Exchange. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

Commercial Union PLC, the British insurer, posted a loss of £19.2 million (\$35.3 million) for the first quarter, down from £24.2 million a

 Ranks Horis McDougall PLC, the food conglomerate, said pretax profit plunged nearly 36 percent, to £48.5 million (\$89.27 million), in the six months ended in February.

• Deutsche Pfandbrief- & Flypothekenbank AG posted first-quarter group-operating profit of 56.2 million Deutsche marks (\$35 million), up 30 percent from a year earlier, as new loan commitments rose 39 percent. The EC Commission plans to change stock-market listing rules to allow

companies to get a listing on a second exchange within the Community without having to publish a new prospectus, an EC official said. • Matra SA and Campenon-Bernard SNC have been awarded a government contract to construct a light-rail system in Bratislava, the Slovak

capital, Czechoslovak officials said. Aleatel Alsthom SA sold 10 million American Depositary Shares to be

listed on the New York Stock Exchange, totaling about \$236 million: each ADS represents one-fifth of an Alcatel share. Courtailds PLC, the British chemicals and materials company, said

pretax profit rose 8 percent, to £201.4 million, in the year ended in March. ArgyB Group PLC, the British food retailer, said profit rose 25 percent in the year ended in March, to £364.5 million, led by strong sales at its

• British Biotechnology Ltd. has approved plans to float the company in London and New York by the end of the year, hoping to raise funds to test its treatments for AIDS and cancer.

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Gold Prices Expected To Stay Low, Steady By Jonathan Fuerbringer

NEW YORK —Thousands of investors avoided gold last year, as buying of the metal as a secure investment declined sharply in Europe and North America.

Don't worry about the Russians, though, Their gold selling narket for several ver receding. The new bogeymen are central bankers, whose gold selling

could stifle any rally.

These are some of the main conclusions from the latest survey of the gold market by Gold Fields Minerals Services Inc. of London, the gold market by Gold Fields Minerals Services Inc. of London, the moved These are some of the perhaps the best-regarded source in the world. These are some of the other thoughts from the report: • The Iraqis have sold about 50 tons of gold recently, most of it

this year. Their sales have not had a significant impact on the gold • At current rates, China should soon overtake the United States

as the world's largest gold market. The slow opening of the economy is creating wealth that is snapping up gold.

The annual report comes as the price of gold, which was trading Wednesday at \$337:70 an ounce, down 50 cents, on the New York Commodity Exchange, is at its lowest level since 1986, continuing a strong four year downward spiral

strong four-year downward spiral. According to Gold Fields, the average price of gold dropped 6 percent in 1991, to \$362.26 an ounce.

The report does not forecast what gold might do from here. But the balance of factors discussed in the report — slowing production, stifling production costs that exceed selling prices for many mines and a surprising rise in jewelry making, despite the worldwide conomic slowdown—seem to point for now to steady, low prices. Philip Klapwijk, the Gold Fields analyst for Europe and the Americas, who presented the report's results to economists and conducts in New York.

analysts in New York, later gave a slightly more concrete view.

"Where do we go from here? I think it is very difficult to call," he said. "We could spike down or we could spike up. But there is a good chance that we are seeing a bottom at the moment."

Germany Faces Slow 2d Quarter Growth

orders are likely to limit growth in Germany's real gross domestic ment was not yet in sight, the insti-product in the second quarter, the totte said.

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Research said on Wednesday. The institute said in a report that growth data on June 4.

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BERLIN - The recent wave of levels for the first time since unifimassive strikes and lower factory cation in 1990, though a thorough improvement in economic develop-

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count would not shrink further in But Eastern German GDP the third quarter. Due to rising er."

pected to rise moderately, while imports would continue to gain. in a separate report, the Bundesbank said Germans both saved more and borrowed more last year.

than they had previously. The bank said debts incurred for

the purchase of consumer goods GDP in Western Germany in the The institute forecast that the totaled 28.5 billion Deutsche marks second quarter would be flat com- deficit in the German current ac- (\$17.3 billion) in 1991, and were "much higher than one year earli-

COINS: British Dealer Sues Japan Over Accusation

(Continued from first finance page) Finance Ministry, then sold to Jap-anese banks, which turned them

over to the Bank of Japan. The sudden flow of coins into lapan from Europe stopped in early 1990, when the government said it had discovered they were forgenes. After a check of other coms in its vaults, the Bank of Japan said it had found 103,000 counterfeit coins, including all the coins brought to Ja- genuine. pan by Mr. Davies and Union Bank

The police seized 3,200 coins Mr. Davies had tried to sell here and they interrogated him, but have made no arrests.

Why did the Bank of Japan accept so many thousands of the coins before spotting that they were fakes? And if the coins are counterfeit, who could have afforded to

purchase all that gold, perhaps \$40 million worth, and then have had

Mr. Davies is clearly relishing a showdown with the Jananese authorities and has his own theory. He has commissioned three reports by one of Europe's top anticounterfeit experts, Ernest New-

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slightest doubt that the coins are Mr. Davies has theorized that the suspect coins came from the government's unsold lot of nearly 1

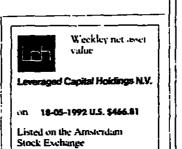
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Mr. Davies speculated that the government, either directly or through an intermediary, had decided to use the coins as part of a barter agreement with an oil-rich Middle Eastern country.

Government officials say that

tigation, they cannot speculate on who minted what they insist are counterfeits.

But newspaper reports in Japan. quoting unidentified police officials, have indicated the govern-ment believes that the coins were minted in Europe, in an operation financed by a Saudi Arabian, But they have offered no supporting



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Westpac Tumbles to a Loss As Bad Debts Bite, Bank Plans a Stock Sale

SYDNEY — Australia's largest bank, Westpac Banking Corp., announced Wednesday a heavy half-year loss, mainly because of bad debts, and a

rights issue to bolster its scarred balance sheet.

The loss came to 1.67 billion Australian dollars (\$1.27 billion) for the six months ended March 31. the highest interim loss in the bank's history and a sharp reversal from the 218.8 million dollar profit recorded in the like period a year earlier.

The deterioration was due mainly to a 2.65 billion dollar charge for bad debts and provisions. mainly on property-related loans, more than four times higher than a year earlier, the bank said. The total charge for bad and doubtful debts in the previous six months was 539.9 million dollars, while in the first half a year earlier it was 578.7

milion dollars.

The bank also announced it would raise 1.2 billion dollars through a rights issue of new stock on a three-for-10 basis, priced at 3.00 dollars a share. The issue, which had been widely expected by the market; was at a deep discount to Westpac's Wednesday closing price of 3.89 dollars, down five cents from Tuesday's close.

Westpac's managing director, Frank Conroy, said the bank's underlying performance was sound. "We expect the group to be profitable in the second half," he said, "and do not foresee the need for provisioning of this magnitude again."

The hank's total operating income for the half year was 2.19 billion dollars, down slightly from 2.20 billion dollars in the previous six months. Wesipac had made extra loan provisions after a major review of its property exposures but it con-tinued to satisfy capital adequacy requirements, Mr. Conroy said. "The capital base, however, does need replenishing."

A large amount of the provisioning was in Westpac's finance company, Australian Guarantee Corp., which had a loss of 718.7 million dollars in the six-month period. Westpac said it would inject 850 million dollars into the company and reduce

the unit's exposure to property. Analysts said the worst appeared to be behind Westpac now that it had increased its provisions for problem loans and bad debt charges. "It's too early to tell but it looks as though they have come clean." said Bryan Madden, research director at Prodential Bache Securities.

Despite the loss, credit-rating agencies decided to keep the ratings of Westpac and AGC steady. Moody's Investors Service confirmed the long-and short-term debt ratings of Westpac, saying the capital raising and the core profits of its domestic

business supported the bank. S&P Australian Ratings and its parent Standard & Poor's Corp. of the United States affirmed their ratings, while S&P Australian Ratings affirmed the rating of AGC.

■ Stocks Near 1992 High

The Australian stock market closed near its 1992 high on Wednesday, Reuters reported, as late buy-ing overcame directionless trading ahead of the Westpac results. The All Ordinaries index closed 15.7 points up at 1,682. Its 1992 high was set on May 13, at 1,682.7.

Falling Inflation Fuels Bond Rally

SYDNEY — Australia is recording its lowest inflation levels in two decades, prompting analysts to predict that government bonds will rally well into the month of June.

After 20 years of annual inflation at roughly 8 percent, price growth has subsided to less than one-third that level, driving bond yields to 13-year lows. Economists say they will keep falling.

Demand for Australian government bonds is strong enough to support the rally, even though the government will increase supply by selling more bonds to cover a widening budget deficit, they said. Much of the demand is coming from abroad.

Foreign investors are providing a steady stream of buy orders for Australian bonds because low inflation means the bonds' real yield — their yield minus inflation — is one of the highest in the world. That provides more than an adequate carrot to attract sufficient overseas investment" to

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support the rally, even though supply is increasing, said Stephen Roberts, chief economist at SBC Dominguez Bower Ltd.

The Reserve Bank, Australia's central bank, said its broad measure of core inflation for the year ended March 31 was 2.4 percent. Subtract that from the 9.10 percent yield on the benchmark government bond as of the close Wednesday, and the bond's real return is 6.67 percent.

That compares with a real return of 3.13 percent offered by the benchmark Japanese government bond as of the close of trading in Tokyo. Japanese investment in Australian government bonds has helped drive Australian yields lower, traders said.

Bonds closed mixed in Sydney, after rallying Tuesday on the central bank's announcement that core inflation in the year ended March 31 was 2.4 percent. Yield on the benchmark 10-year bond rose 3 basis points, to 9.10 percent.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - The strong yen and fierce competition in slow Japanese and North American car markets dragged Honda Motor Co.'s profit down 21 percent in the latest year. Honda said Wednesday.

Current profit fell to 66.94 billion yen (\$518 million) in the year ended March 31, despite a 4 per-cent increase in sales, to 2.91 tril-

Car industry analysts said Honda's main problems were the same as other carmakers' - ebbing demand at home and abroad, and a strong yen. But some cited prob-

lems specific to Honda.

Other carmakers are raking in profits from recreational vehicles, which are all the rage in Japan now," said an analyst at a foreign securities company. "But Honda makes nothing along those lines and so is missing out on a very profitable market."

Dwindling demand for midsize cars in Japan, including Honda's mainstay Accord model, was a ma-jor factor dragging down the automaker's profits, analysts said.

Honda predicted 0.1 percent growth in profit for the current financial year and a 0.3 percent rise in sales. Analysts said the strong yen, a weak domestic market and higher marketing costs would once again work against the company.

Honda said it was planning to cut costs by 25 billion yen in the current year, to offset pressures from the yea and higher wage costs. Last year, the higher yen added 35 billion yen to Honda's costs.

The Japanese car market is unlikely to improve substantially this year, the automaker said. "De-mand will probably be about the same as last year or possibly lower," a senior Honda official said.

But he added that Honda expected the North American market to recover slightly this year, which he said was good news for sales.

Honda sold more cars in North America than in Japan last year, making it more dependent on the U.S. market than its Japanese rivals. (Reuters, AFX)

Strong Yen, Sega's Earnings Surge Competition Despite U.S. Settlement

Ltd., the video-game maker that shocked investors last week by paying \$43 million to settle a patent dispute, reported a more pleasant surprise for its shareholders on Wednesday: its profit for the latest financial year was up 55 percent despite the payment.

Sega's stock price fell 3.8 percent last week after the company agreed to pay patent fees to Jan. R. Covle, a U.S. inventor. Mr. Coyle alleged Sega infringed on a low-frequency sound signal and color-image transmitter he claimed to have created.

Sega said it recorded the loss on its 1991 accounts, which cut into its net profit for the year. But after-tax profit still shot up 55 percent, to 14 billion yen (\$108.5 million). Although the figure was 8 percent helow Sega's most recent forecast. analysts were expecting the toll on earnings to be heavier.

"This is good news. Now Sega can say the settlement is all in the past," said Makio Inui, an analyst at County NatWest Securities.

Sega's stock was unchanged Wednesday, at 10,100 yen a share.

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Yamaha Posts 38% Drop

In Profit, Predicts Worse

TOKYO - Yamaha Corp. said its profit fell 38 percent in the year

Yamaha, the world's largest maker of musical instruments, attrib-

uted last year's decline to lower financial income, a write-down of

marketable securities and losses on the liquidation of a subsidiary. It

said slow sales in Japan and foreign markets meant its profit would likely fall 48 percent in the year ending in March 1993. Last year, current profit totaled 6.75 billion yen (\$52 million),

down from 10.82 billion yen a year earlier, on sales of 383.75 billion

yen, little changed. This year, profit is likely to fall to 3.5 billion yen

on sales of 345 billion ven, the company said,
Net profit for last year was 2.83 billion yen, down 29 percent from

4.01 billion yen, and is expected to total 1.50 billion yen this year, a

In March, Yamaha cut the salaries of 20 directors by 5 percent to

In an effort to streamline operations, Yamaha said last autumn

that it would allow 724 employees, or 6 percent of its staff, to take

20 percent to underscore the responsibility of top management for

the company's poor performance. Japanese media reports said.

ended March 31 and predicted an even bigger drop in the current year.

It was trading at 10,300 last week before the settlement and fell as low as 9,560 before recouping part of its loss before the profit report. Company executives announc-

ing the earnings said Sega did not infringe on Mr. Coyle's patent. They said the game maker paid him to avoid having to explain complex development histories to a jury. Sega's current, or pretax, profit

surged 102 percent, to 33.5 billion yen. Sales shot up 107 percent, to 213 billion yen. The rise was distorted because the 1990 financial year was only 11 months long because of a change in reporting periods. Sega's 1991 current profit, based

on the 12 months preceding the end of the period, rose 85 percent and net profit rose 56 percent. Sega has announced a stock solit

that gives investors three new shares for every 10 they hold, as well as an 8 ven boost in its dividend, to 20 yen a share.

The company's sales have blossomed on its strategy to conquer video-game markets abroad rather than fight its arch-competitor Nin-tendo Co., which has a tight grip on 90 percent of the Japanese market.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Very briefly:

Taiwan's Economics Ministry said export orders for April jumped 14.9 percent from April 1991, to a record \$7.2 billion, breaking the previous peak of \$6.8 billion set in March.

 Japan's parliament approved a bill to allow foreigners to own shares in the nation's giant domestic telecommunications firm. Nippon Telegraph

 Korea Petroleum Development Corp. has signed a 25-year productionsharing contract with Vietnam's national oil company Petro-Viet, under which it will will take half of the output of an offshore area in southeast Vietnam estimated to contain 620 million barrels of crude.

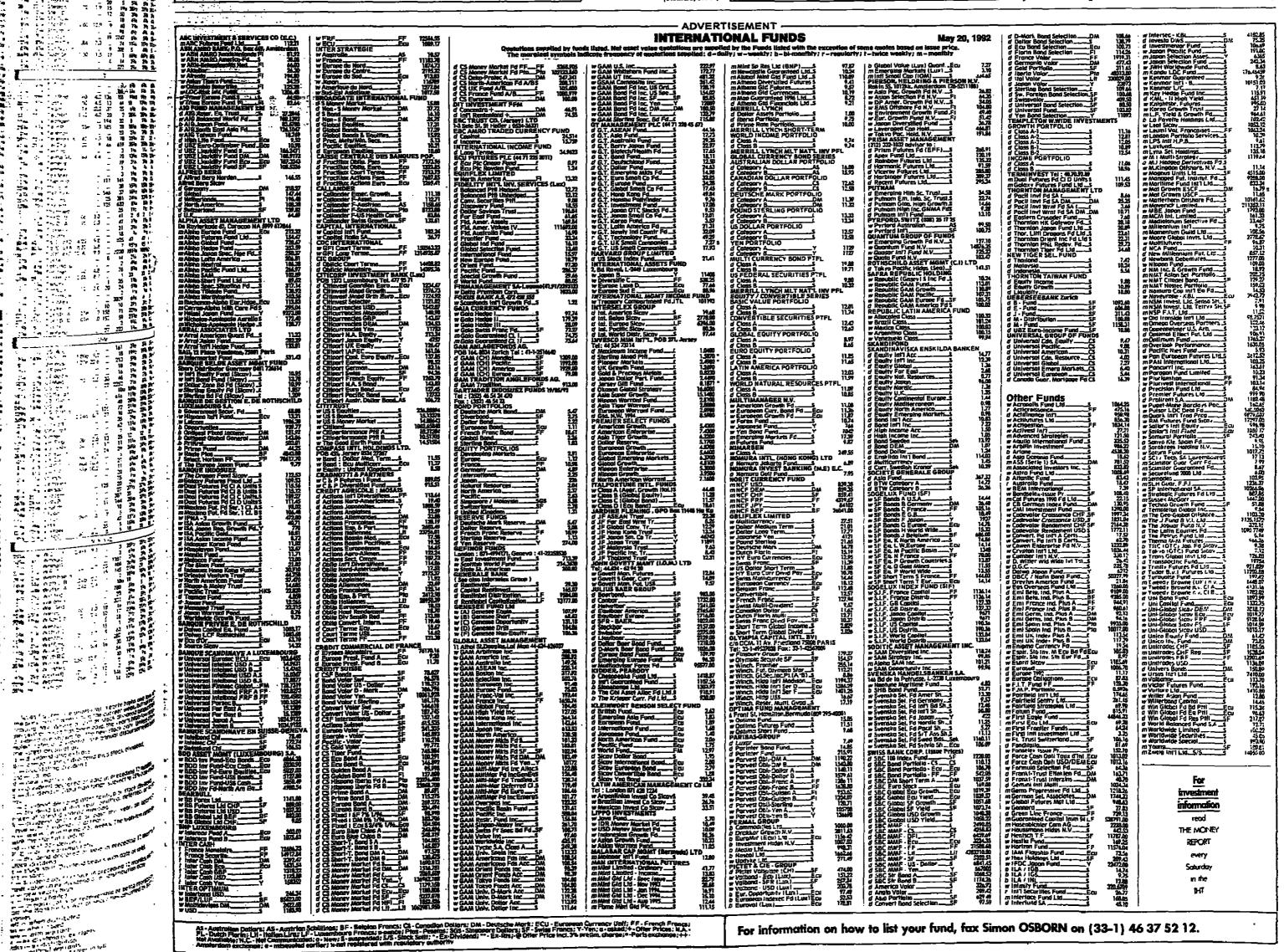
 Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd. said it and six other Japanese pharmaceutical producers may form a joint-venture company in Saudi Arabia with local interests to sell pharmaceuticals. AFP, Rewers, Bloomberg

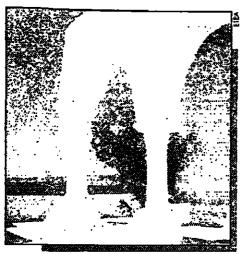
Japan Firms Curtail Thai Operations

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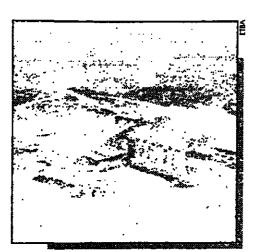
TOKYO - Toyota Motor Corp. suspended operations at its Thai joint venture on Wednesday following clashes between military and antigovernment protesters, a spokeswoman for Japan's top automaker said. Toyota's 59.6 percent-owned Toyota Motor Thailand Co. will review its position Thursday, "depending on what the Thai government suggests." she said.

Nissan Motor Co. said it would suspend night shifts at two plants of its 25 percent-owned Siam Nissan Automobile Co., a spokesman said. The Sumitomo Corp. and Marubeni Corp. trading companies said they temporarily closed their Bangkok offices because of the unrest. (AFP. Reuters)

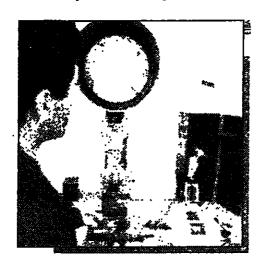




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Economic Policy Geared to EC Integration

Greece, with a government debt of around 185 percent of GDP, faces considerable economic challenges in the coming decade. It has promised the EC to reduce borrowing from 17 percent to 1.5 percent of GDP annually, and aims to reduce its engorged public sector by 10 percent in three years.

According to Dora Bakoyanni, member of Greece's parliament and daughter of Constantine Mitsotakis, the country's current prime minister, "The problem with [Greece] is that we lost two major economic recovery opportunities. In the late 1940s, when Europe was taking advantage of the Marshall Plan, we were fighting communist guerrillas. In the 1980s, the bulk of EC help and loans for the restructuring of our economy was wasted in consumer spending." The consensus even among politi-

Increasing exports to the EC is a major goal

cal rivals that Greece should belong to the European Community is no doubt helping the government in its efforts to streamline the economy, but, as Mrs. Ba-koyanni points out, the job is not easy. "Our main difficulties today in meeting the requirements of Maastricht stem from our huge public deficit. It should be reduced. We should curb inflation. Reduce employment in the public sector. And all that in a world plagued by recession," she says.

Greece must also cope with a conflict with Turkey over rights in the Aegean; the occupation of Northern Cyprus by Turkish troops; and the dissolution of Yugoslavia, which created a new independent state along Greece's northern borders that is calling itself the Republic of Macedonia, angering most Greeks. "Such a state, by usurping the name of Macedonia, would undermine the area and the stability of Europe," says Vassilis Maghinas, Greece's secretary-general of press and information services. Macedonia, Epirus and Thrace, provinces in northern Greece that make up around 40 percent of the country's total area but have a combined population country's total area but have a combined population barely that of Athens, are currently the focus of a major government development plan. Tinos Stravropoulos of the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETBA), which is responsible for financing 75 percent of total investment in northern Greece, says that there has been a "revolutionary increase" in industry and tourism devel-opment in the area recently, adding to public concern over the Macedonia issue.

In spite of these economic and political difficulties, there are signs that economic reforms are beginning to take effect. According to Yannis Palaiokrassas, Greece's finance minister, "In 1981, [Greece's] public debt was 671

billion drachmas [\$3.48 billion]. In 1990, it reached 9.4 trillion drachmas. That is, it increased fifteenfold. This, with unpaid government-guaranteed loans, brings total debts to 15 trillion drachmas." Two-thirds of government revenues are earmarked for the payment of interest and debt installments. "Recovery is beginning, however," Mr. Paliaokrassas points out, adding: "Our revenue has doubled in the first two months of 1992, over that of the two first months of 1999, something without precedent." first months of 1989, something without precedent."

Expenses, including interest on earlier loans, had been rising by 30 percent annually. "In 1990, we dropped this to 15 percent and in 1991 to 6.5 percent. In 1989, Greece borrowed 800 billion drachmas for consumer requirements. The 1992 budget, in contrast, contains a surplus of 200 billion drachmas for the payment of interest and debt installments," Mr. Paliaokrassas says, citing the recent computerization of Greece's Internal Revenue Service and new tax laws favoring investment as measures that should help lead to economic recovery.

The minister also feels that Greek industry is becoming more competitive, and that by doubling exports to the EC. Greece could solve its balance of payments difficulties. Another hopeful sign is that EC investors have begun to get involved in various sectors of Greece's economy. Unilever has bought ELAIS, an olive-oil company, and has expanded into margarines, soaps and detergents. The Metaxa firm, producers of the worldrenowned brandy, has been bought by Grand Metropolitan of Britain, the Swiss firm Suchard has bought Greece's top chocolate producer, ION, and Caltestruzzi of Italy has bought the AGET-Iraklis cement company.

Stelios Argyros, president of the Greek Industrialists Association, welcomes such takeovers. "The so-called 'de-hellenization' of industries is a joke. But we also want

Greeks to have the same chances abroad," he says.

Panayotis Thomadakis, president of American Computer Systems, one of the leading Greek computer firms, was among the first Greek entrepreneurs to turn to both the EC and neighboring Bulgaria for joint-venture partners. "I formed joint companies in order to expand into new fields," he says. "Now I am connected with GTE, Ameritech and Datamat in order to participate in a major project for the Hellenic Telecommunications Organization. I also joined forces with a Bulgarian firm. I exchange technology and management, which they need, with manpower, which they have."



Changing Attitudes

Tzannis Tzanherakis, Greece's deputy prime minister, outlines the major challenges his country is facing.

What are the basic prob- Hellenic Telecommunica lems facing your country?
Our main problems include the restructuring of our economy has been serving a consumer society for the past few decades, which has meant a tendency toward borrowing and a high rate of inflation, well above the EC average.

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Are there other major projects to be financed? The extension of the Athens subway; the con-struction of a bridge con-necting the Peloponnese with Central Greece; the Thessaloniki subway; a pipeline for the supply of natural gas from Russia — all will be self-financed, some with support from special EC development

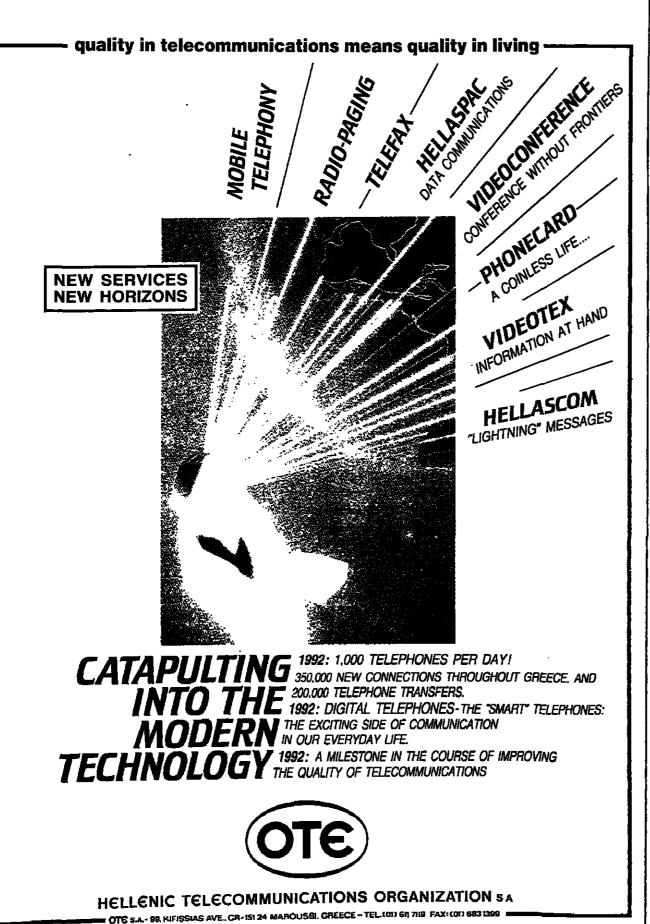
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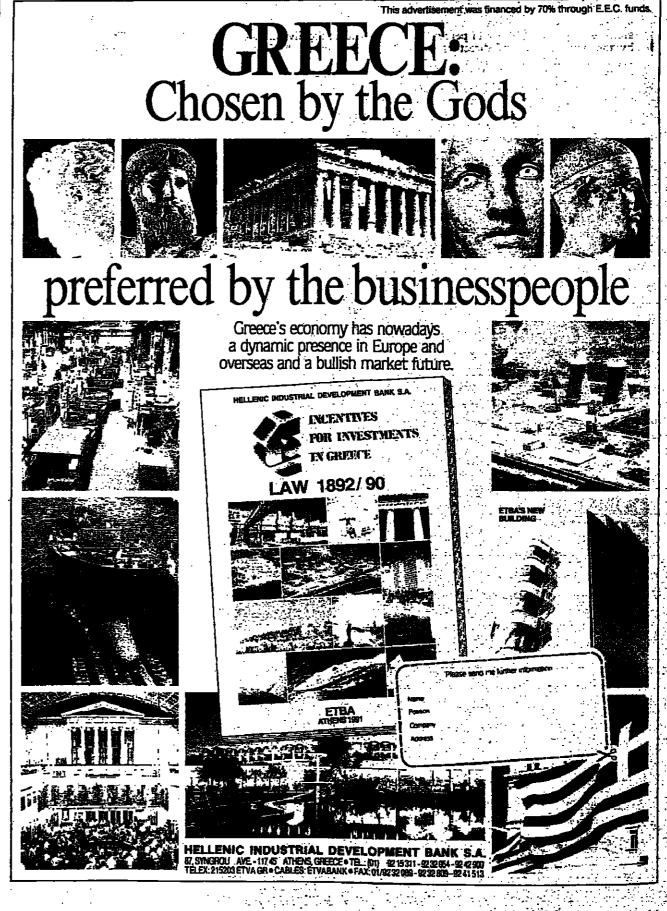
Greece is the only EC country in the Balkans. How do you see your country taking advantage of this situation?

Greece is trying to help these countries establish free-market economies. Bulgaria and Romania are both in a transition period and will gradually find the right course.

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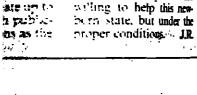
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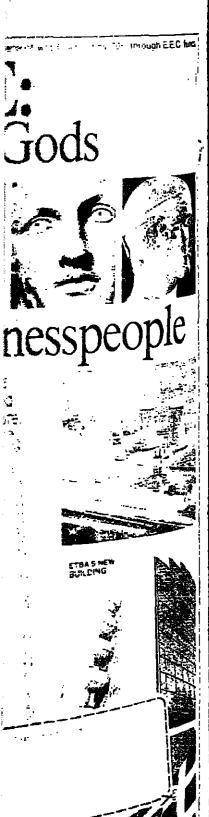
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Streamlining of Industry Required

While Greece's public sector — from government services to state-controlled enterprises, banks and utility agencies — is experiencing problems, the country's private sector is enjoying steadily increasing profits.

"We haven't had an in-crease in production, but a decrease in the rate of reduction," says Stelios Argyros, president of the Association of Greek Industries. He explains that private industry in Greece is increasingly gearing itself toward for-eign markets. "It is as if a new mentality is being developed," he says. "While local demand for Greek industrial products has been dropping, exports have increased by 10 percent since 1990." Andreas Andrianopou-

los, Greece's minister of industry, research and technology, feels that there is no lack of demand for Greek products abroad. but that the "weakness of local firms has been their failure to modernize and thus to compete with im-ported goods." Part of this failure is linked to the fact that before Greece joined the European Community, the state protected local production with high tariffs. The new need to compete with foreign suppliers, according to Mr. Argyros, is leading most Greek firms to modernize and explore foreign markets. "Our profits from manufacturing have gone up," Mr. Argyros points out. "Out of 4,000 [Greek] firms [surveyed], 3,000 showed profits in 1991, and their share in the sales

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of industrial products cov-ered 83 percent of the total

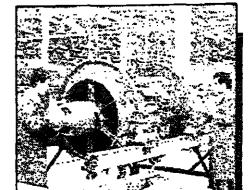
had been brought back to fiscal health.

The government has established an Industrial Recovery Organization (IRO) whose aims are "to restore [Greek] industries" health and then to sell them, thus serving both the interests of the entrepreneurs and of the workers," according to an official description. The IRO's John Kynigopoulos says that out of 35 industries that have been handled by the organization, 15 were sold (three of them to foreign investors, the rest to Greeks) and another 15 were closed down.

While Piraiki-Patraiki, Greece's largest textile manufacturer, will probably be closed down, another state-owned company. Hellenic Aerospace Industry (HAI), seems to be on the road to recovery thanks to a reorganization of its management. HAI was established in 1975 as a state-organized and owned company to provide support to the Greek armed forces, including maintenance of aircraft; to be in charge of overhaul, modification and manufacturing of components, and to fulfill the electronics and weapons-systems needs of the Greek Air Force and of Greek-based civilian airlines. Like almost all government-run services, HAI ran into trouble from the beginning. Faced with huge deficits, the government asked Lockheed Aircraft take over management of the company.

The contract we entered into was to begin to set up business systems that would move it toward private enterprise concepts," says Dan Lange, HAI's managing director, adding: "The idea was to manage its business and its cash in a manner in which it will not have to turn to the state for funds every time it turns around." The company has now increased production and will have a 1992 turnover of 25 billion drachmas (\$125 million) compared with 14.5 billion drachmas in 1991.

In spite of such success stories, many Greek indus-trialists, as well as leading members of the ruling New Democracy Party, feel that the country's economic recovery cannot progress without reorganization of the immense civ-



HAI's operations are newly profitable.

il-service system and of government bureaucracy. Mr. Argyros says: "We have over 700,000 civil servants. This means that one out of 15 Greeks is a civil servant, and nobody is being fired because of the socalled political costs. How can one work under such

circumstances?" The Association of Greek Industries has pro-

osed to the state to relieve half the state's civil servants of their jobs, offering them full pay until they are pensioned when they retire. "In this way, they will not cost the government phones, electricity and transportation, and most important, they will allow the other half [of the civil service] to do a better job."

\$7.5 Billion Earmarked for Infrastructure Growth

Despite its deficits and the need to pay for interest on loans accumulated since the establishment of modern Greece 170 years ago, the Greek state budget has always included a separate section, entitled the "de-velopment budget," ear-marked mainly for infrastructure projects. Greece's 1992 development budget of about \$750 million is hardly enough, however, to cover "the lost time and the distance that

separates us from our oth-European colleagues," as Tzannis Tzannetakis, Greece's deputy prime minister, says. A complex system of infrastructure financing has been set up that takes advantage of various EC funds and programs geared to the modernization of Europe's less developed areas, and calls for self-financing of the most costly projects whereby the builder of the project, alone or with a

group of financiers, provides most or part of the funds required; the project's profits are used to pay off its debts. Mr. Tzannetakis says: "We apply this method of self-financing because the state does not have the huge capital needed for these projects, [which] are needed urgently if we are to join the European development trajectory without further delay."

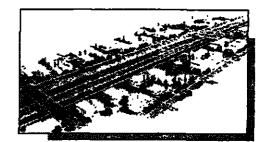
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Greece now has a program of several projects, with a total cost of over-\$7.5 billion, which (with the exception of the extension of the Athens subway) will all be self-financed.

The first major project now under way is the new Athens airport at Spata, a site about 20 miles southeast of the capital. which will eventually be able to handle 50 million passengers per year. In its first phase, set to be completed

by 1996 at a cost of over \$2 billion, the airport will comprise over 4,000 acres (1,618 hectares) of facilities and will have the capacity to handle 20 million passengers per year. The current Athens airport, Hellinikon, has only 1,500 acres of facilities; it will be turned into parks and tourist installations.

Other ambitious projects include the construction of a suspension bridge connecting the northwestern Peloponnese with central Greece, which will shorten the time required to go by road from Rion to Antirion from 30 minutes to five; this project will cost around \$400 million. Another major project is the construction of a new highway connecting Eleu-sis, the port and industrial town southwest of Athens, with the new airport at Spata. This project, together with a highway along the western ridges of



The new Spata airport will open in 1996.

Mount Hymettus, will relieve some of the congestion suffered by motorists near the Greek capital.

The most expensive infrastructure project now being undertaken by Greece is the modernization of Greek telecommunications, for which an estimated \$5 billion will be spent within the next few years. The government has picked Crédit Suisse First Boston as its financial advisers for the project, which is to involve the installation of a GSM mobile-telephone system; 85

percent of Greece's territory is to be served by mobile telecommunications within 18 months of the signing of the agreement.

The government, through the Hellenic Telecommunications Organization, is also replacing all telephone centers with digital technology. New facilities have already replaced part of the old equipment in the Port of Piracus, and the port is to remain headquarters of one of the world's largest merchant

Positive Signs of the Times

• Credit Bank A.E. (Athens) has reported positive results for 1991 in various areas: earnings were up by 11 percent over 1990, with share dividends proposed by the bank's board of directors to be 27 percent above the last dividend payment level. Total assets were up by 12 percent over 1990. The bank's 1991 investments included new facilities to house an expanding branch network and software and equipment needed to implement a fully integrated information system, which began operating in March this year.

• Plant Your Roots in Greece, a non-profit organization based in the United States, aims to mobilize Greek-Americans and others with a special interest in Greece to initiate reforestation of many areas throughout the country. Working

Greece to initiate reforestation of many areas throughout the country. Working with the support of the Greek government, the organization's goal is to make Greece "an ecological model to the entire world."

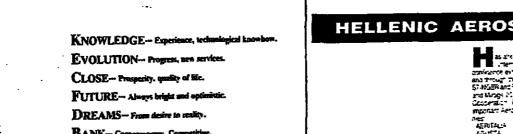
Greece and the New Europe, a conference sponsored by the International Herald Tribune and the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, is being held May 21-22 at the Hotel Athenaeum Intercontinental, Athens.





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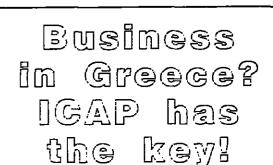
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SPORTS

The Sampdoria goalkeeper.

The Romanian defender Mio-

drag Belodedici won with Steau Bucharest when they beat Barcelo-

na in 1986 and was on the winning

side for Red Star Belgrade in last

year's final against French champi-ons Olympique Marseille. (Reuters, AP, AFP)

A restructured Eastern Europe

has forced UEFA, soccer's govern-ing body in Europe, to make major changes in its format for cup com-

petitions next season, benefiting

teams from the former Soviet and

Yugoslav nations, news agencies

reported from London. UEFA announced Wednesday

that they had invited the three Bal-

tic states - Estonia, Latvia and

Lithuania — and Croatia. Georgia. Slovenia and Ukraine to enter

teams in next season's Champions',

Cup Winners' and UEFA Cup

The same also applies to the Far-oe Islands, while Israel, recently invited to join UEFA, will be al-

lowed to enter teams in the Cham-

pions' and Cup Winners' Cup com-

petitions and a team from Liechtenstein will go into the Cup

A UEFA spokesman said the

number of teams in the UEFA Cup

the National Assembly approved a

Winners' competition.

reported from Paris.

■ UEFA to Expand East

to save at his feet.

Overtime Free Kick Earns Barcelona European Cup, 1-0

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches half, but the Italians were always LONDON — Ronald Koeman dangerous on the break.

of the Netherlands won the European Cup for Barcelona for the first Gianluca Pagliuca, who kept his time on Wednesday night with a side in the game with a series of fine stunning but disputed free kick saves, denied Stoichkov a goal in eight minutes from the end of extra the last minute when he raced out time that gave his team a 1-0 vic-tory over Sampdonia of Italy.

ry over Sampdoria of Italy. Koeman is only the second play-With the final apparently head- er to win the Cup for different ing for a penalty shootout for the second year in a row. Koeman drove the ball home.

Last season, Red Star Belgrade beat Olympique Marseille of France in a shootout. After there were no goals in the initial 90 minutes, this final also went into over-

Koeman saw his chance when a Sampdoria substitute, Giovanni Invernizzi, fouled Eusebio Sacristan just outside the Italian team's

Sampdoria, Italian champions for the first time last year, argued vehemently against the free kick. which was awarded for obstruction, but to no avail.

With several players from both teams refusing to watch, Koeman, who was impressive with his masterly long passing and long-range shooting throughout the game, ri-fled the ball home.

After defeats by Benfica in 1961 and Steaua Bucharest in 1986, it was Barcelona's first triumph in the competition after years in the shadow of its Spanish rival, Real Ma-drid, which has won the title six

Koeman has scored all his 13 league goals this season from free-kicks or penalties, and his strike in the 112th minute saved Barcelona the agony of a shootout.

Coach Johan Cruyff, who had a would increase next year from 64 to heart-bypass operation a year ago. at least 70. ran on to the pitch, whirling a scarf. ■ Corsica Toll Is at 15 and hugged his fellow Dutchman. Sampdoria, beaten by Barcelona

A woman who had been in a coma since the May 5 grandstand collapse in Corsica died Wednesday, raising the death toll to 15, and three years ago in the Cup Winners' Cup final, missed three chances to score by the Italian international striker Gianluca Vialli. bill that tightens safety standards Barcelona dominated the match, for stadiums, The Associated Press

and the Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov hit the post in the second

By Michael Janofsky

New Fork Times Service HOUSTON — He has probably reached a point in his career at which comparisons with Jesse Owens no longer serve him prop-erly. In a dozen years of international competition, Carl Lewis has run and jumped into a higher level of consideration, certainly high enough to be considered the

greatest Olympic track athlete the United States has ever produced. Maybe high enough to be the greatest in any sport. Owens's permanence as an Olympic icon was compressed into one bolt of brilliance, in the

daunting Games of Nazi Berlin in 1936. But Lewis matched Owens's performance — with gold medals in the 100 meters, the 200 meters, the long jump and the 400-meter relay, at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 - then set off to surpass those accomplishments over the next seven years.

He has reached this, his third Olympic season at the age of 30, with a remarkable resume as the world-record holder in the 100 meters, a two-time Olympic champion in the event and a three-time world champion; as the only man to win successive Olympic championships in the long jump, a two-time world champion in the event and the only man to reach 29 feet (8.8 meters) more than twice; as the winner of six Olympic gold med-als and seven Olympic medals over all, and as a fervent crusader in the burning issues of his time in his sport, professionalism and drug use. He favors all of one,

none of the other. Yet for all his accomplishments - the medals, the records, the 10year streak of 65 consecutive victories in the long jump, the 14 times he has run the 100 faster than 10 seconds - Lewis is only now moving into the mainstream to gain the kind of recognition and visibility reserved for the giants of sports in America, athletes like Michael Jordan and Joe Montana.

Sunday in New York, where Lewis will be competing in the New York Games, the Japanbased Panasonic Corp., which has used Lewis as its spokesman in Europe and Japan, plans to introduce him as its spokesman in



Carl Lewis has money and medals, but no recognition at home.

the United States. It is a breakthrough arrangement for Lewis: Although years of previous en-dorsements in the United States made him money, they never made him a star.

Soon, his presence will be everywhere — in ads and TV commercials, on billboards — just as it has been for years in Europe and Asia, where he is virtually a walking god and a spokesman for Kodak, computer games, sports drinks and other products in addition to those of Panasonic. It's as if his own country is finally welcoming him home with a smile, an embrace and the implicit message that his past has either been forgotten or forgiven. As if that were necessary. And

maybe it was. Few know better than Lewis the reasons for his delayed emergence into American sunlight, stars deserve to be paid and treat-

Real or postulated, they have become no less ingrained in American track and field lore than the accomplishments that prompted them. Through the years, Lewis has been questioned about every issue from his sexuality to the use of performance-enhancing drugs to sincerity. Few athletes have

reached his status; fewer still have endured such scrutiny.

In Lewis's view, it was a gradual shove off the world stage. A rival long-jumper accused him of using drugs as far back as 1980.

Olympic audiences in 1984 booed him for skipping his four remaining long jumps and indeed him. ing long jumps and judged him arrogant for circling the track with the U.S. flag after the 400meter relay team won, giving Lewis his fourth gold medal.

sion on Lewis was indelible. This very large human being spoke to me, a little kid," Lewis said. "I still In the years that followed, he argued loud and often that track

Can Lewis Finally Win Over America? ed like other professional athletes. He made a further missance

of himself by urging officials to start short-notice drug-testing programs — long before the Ben Johnson scandal at the 1988 Sum-

mer Olympics in Seoul shamed organizations into starting them.
It has always been kind of a

feeding frenzy." Lewis said.

There was always something

new to talk about, always some-

thing new thrown at me. Whenev-

er I'd speak out, I was criticized.

But that's life. All the way

through, I ran, I enjoyed it, I

made a lot of money.
"I'm comfortable with myself. I

have no bitterness. I have always

believed that if you stick to your goals and live by high standards,

For years, Lewis and his 37-

year-old brother, Mack, have

kicked around the question of

Carl's acceptance by the American public. Carl has become the

more sanguine of the two, as-suaged to some degree by the sub-stantial sums be has made from

deals providing lesser visibility.

Mack takes the harder line, al-

though somewhat reluctantly.
"I think one problem with Carl is that he does not fit the mold of

a black athlete in America," he

said. "When you think about the

black athlete in America, you think of one who grew up one of

12 siblings on the south side of Chicago in a ghetto. All those things. Both our parents were teachers who lived in the suburbs.

We weren't disadvantaged, and that makes Carl boring. America

seems to be uncomfortable with

Carl Lewis as a black, middle-class athlete."

the issues. Track and field has nev-

er been mainstream in America, so

why should any of its stars be?

Measured solely by timers and judges, Lewis might rank as the greatest his sport has ever seen. Among contemporaries, he has no equal. Owens, his lone match in U.S. history, was a prodigious athlete but a flash who faded quickly. As a boy, Lewis idolized Owens, who died in 1980 at are of 66

who died in 1980 at age of 66.

They met once, and the impres

For Carl, it's hard to separate

things will always turn out."

NFL Giants Test Players for AIDS

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Giants have tested their players for the virus that causes AIDS, a report said Wednesday.

For the first time, the National Football League near included blood tests for detection of the HIV virus during physicals administered before the start of their training camp, the newspaper New York Newsday

reported.

"It's being addressed in a lot of the athletic community and we decided to make it a part of our physicals," the Giants' general manager, George. Young, told the paper. The NFL does not have an official policy on testing for AIDS, but the league sent a letter to chibs in December stressing that if any tests were done; they must be voluntary.

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IAAF Said to Seek New Krabbe Data

BONN (AFP) — The International Amateur Athletics Federation's

BONN (AFP) — The International Amateur Athletics Federation's medical commission wants to reopen the investigation into the alleged doping by the German sprinter Kahin Krabbe, the newspaper filld reported Wednesday.

Although a four-year ban was lifted by the German federation in April, the IAAF is to decide at a needing in Toronto at the end of the month whether to allow Krabbe to return to competition, notably at the Barcelona Olympics. Krabbe, the world 100-meter and 200-meter champion, received a four-year suspension in February after the German federation found evidence that she and two teammates had tampered with urms samples.

New Workout: Sleep and Thin Air

BOULDER, Colorado (Renters) — A U.S. inventor says he has found a way for athletes to train while they sleep: By sleeping in a specially designed chamber where they breathe an imitation of this mountain air, they can increase their aerobic capacity.

The thinner air stimulates red blood cell production, enabling the body to store more oxygen and boost aerobic capacity, the University of Colorado at Boulder said in its announcement.

"The optimal strategy is to live at high altitudes and then descend to sea level to train," said Igor Gamow, associate professor of chemical engineering at the university. It is the change from high to low altitude that Gamow said was the key to boosting aerobic capacity. Why not just remain in high altitudes all the time? This does not work, he said, because athletes who hoth live and train at high altitudes are not absorbing enough oxygen from the thinner air,

Mixed Sumo Kesults for 2 Americans

TOKYO (AP) — Akebono fell on Takahanada to win his bout on Wednesday and improved to 10-1 while his fellow American, Konishild, suffered his fifth defeat in the 15-day Summer Grand Sumo Tournament. The victory kept Akebone two victories ahead of four other wresters.
Konishiki was pulled down by Kyokudozan, dropping his record to 6-5.
Konishiki had won the previous tournament, in March, and was considered likely to win promotion to sumo's highest rank of yokozuna, or grand champion, with another tournament title.

For the Record.

The Argentine winger Candle Canagain is to join the Italian list division soccer club AS Roma, a top club official said Wednesday. The official, Emiliano Mascetti, said Roma had an agreement with Canagain's carrent club, Atalanta of Bergamo, to acquire him as soon as the season and Sanaday for \$10 million.

ends Sunday for \$10 million.

(AP)

David Feherty of Ireland was hospitalized on Wednesday after being bitten by a snake while practicing for the British PGA Championship, which started Friday in Wentworth, England.

(AFP)

BOOKS

VERY OLD BONES

By William Kennedy. 292 pages. \$22... Viking Inc., 375 Hudson Street, New-York, New York 10014.

Reviewed by

A FIVE-GENERATION family tree is printed on the endpapers of Wilham Kennedy's tragicomic new novel. "Very Old Bones." This chart proves useful to the reader not only for keeping straight the story's sprawling cast but also for identifying those family members who appeared in the previous novels of the author's Albany cycle: "Legs,"
"Billy Phelan's Greatest Game," "Ironweed" and "Quinn's Book."

But it should be added at once that "Very Old Bones" is not one of those family epics that begin at the dawn of time and work their way forward a generation at a time. Instead the story is narrated by a member of the fourth generation, 34-year-old Orson Purcell And though the history he describes goes back as far as 1887, the events in the novel's present occur from dawn to late afternoon of a Saturday in July 1958.

Orson is a free-lance editor and memoirist who has experienced his own share of what in the hands of a more melodramatic writer than Kennedy might be called the Phelan family curse. The unacknowledged bastard son of

the painter Peter Phelan, Orson has suf-

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fered two alcoholic breakdowns. At the novel's opening Orson has returned to the family home in Albany with the hope of finding his roots and getting his father to acknowledge their kinship. Rummaging through very old bones that are both family skeletons and the

bones that the Phelans have to pick with one another, Orson recalls the nast of the seven brothers and sisters of his father's eeneration. Among them in no particular order are Chick, the failed priest: Tommy. "the holy moron" who presents gifts of underwear to women he doesn't know; Sarah, the severely repressed spinster who beats Tommy nearly to death for lifting a woman's skirt with his cane, and Francis. the down-and-out burn and former professional ballplayer who is the protagonist

of Kennedy's masterpiece, "Ironweed."

In a particularly vivid episode that Orson recalls from 1934, when he was 10 years old, Francis comes out of his hobo jungle for the wake of his mother, Kathaman order to he desired to he ryn, only to be driven out of the house again by the unforgiving Sarah. Orson and his father, Peter, follow him and save him from committing suicide when he steps in front of a train. This event inspires Peter to do a series of paintings about Francis called "The Itinerant," which win Peter his first important recognition.

The series prepares the way for Peter's culminating work, "The Malachi Suite.": This depicts the defining catastrophe in the family's more distant past and is the event toward which Orson's narrative is

DIA MORATORIUM, AND ALL

As always in his fiction, Kennedy writes in a rich variety of voices: sometimes raucously comic, as when he de-scribes the mounted head of a cow that was shot by a man who mistook it for a rabbit; sometimes bitterly sardonic, as when Orson observes of a coffin containing both his maiden aunt, Sarah, and the corpse of another aunt's premature baby, "It gives a new meaning to virgin with child": sometimes literally Joycean, as when he quotes Anna Livia Plurabelle's concluding soliloquy from "Finnegans Wake," but always rich in the neighbor-

hood fore of historical Albany (N.Y.). If "Very Old Bones" has any fault, it arises from the occasionally portentons voice in which Orson relates his own history: "We tend to use our talents, don't we? We also tend to follow our demons. We'll do anything to gain a little power over life, since none of us know our limits until we're challenged - and

that's when the strangeness begins." But Kennedy succeeds admirably in shuttling his narrative voice between present and past and weaving a cloth in which history and myth are indistinguishable. And when he finally arrives at the events on which the paintings of "The Malachi Suite" are based, he does the nearly impossible in transforming an ancient history of drunkenness and add-leheadedness into a credible world of

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

By Alan Truscott

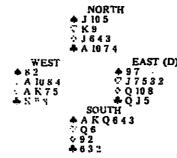
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THE standard of ethics among good players is generally high, and has improved in the last 30 years. But there are still wide variations. At the American Contract Bridge League's Spring Nationals last month there was one player who would have scored zero on a 0-10 scale There was also one player who rated a perfect 10 in ethics. In the National Mixed Pairs, Linda Lee of Toronto held the West cards shown and found herself defending three spades. She led the diamond king, and her partner, Ray Lee, hesitated slightly. He wanted to encourage a continuation by dropping the ten, but realized that a continuation might belp South by establishing dummy's jack. So he played the eight and declarer

dropped the nine.

West now knew that East must have
Q-10-8, for that was the only holding that could give him a problem. So West was tempted to shift to the ace and another heart, which would indeed have beaten the contract. But she also knew that she had information from the hesitation that she was not entitled to have.

She therefore continued with the ace and another diamond, the normal play opposite a doubleton, and allowed the contract to make. Honesty was rewarded because Mr. and Mr. Lee were runnersup in a very large field.



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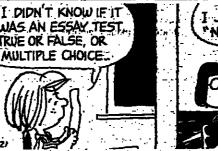
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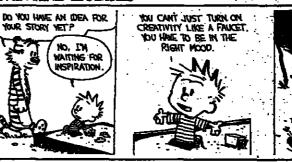






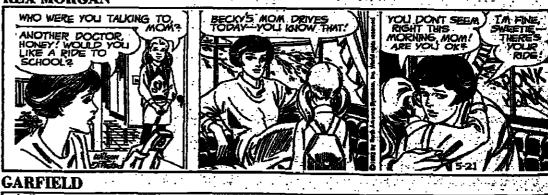
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Hershiser Gives Up 2, Drives In 2 For Dodgers

The Associated Press

The way the Los Angeles Dodgers are hitting. Orel Hershiser probably figured he would have to drive in his own runs.

That is exactly what happened on Tuesday night against the Chi-cago Cubs. Hershiser scattered nine hits in seven innings and broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run double in the sixth, leading the last-place Dodgers to a 5-2 victory in

Los Angeles.
With the score tied at 2 in the sixth. Shawn Boskie walked Dave

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Hansen and Jose Offerman with two outs, and Hershiser grounded the next pitch over the third-base bag. The hall bounced fair in front of the bag and bounced barely foul after the bag, so it had to have gone over it," Hershiser said. "I think

the umpire made the right call."
Mets 8, Padres 0: Bobby Bonilla hit his first home run since opening day, and David Cone pitched a seven-hitter for his third shutout as visiting New York ended San Die-

go's five-game winning streak.

Reds 7. Expos 4: In Montreal. Bill Doran hit a grand slam off John Wetteland in the ninth as Wetteland blew a save for the third time in nine chances,

Wetteland walked Cincinnati's Jacob Brumfield and Dave Martinez with one out and Bip Roberts singled before Doran's fourth home run of the season and the third career grand slam.
Giants 7, Pirates 2: Will Clark

and Royce Clayton homered, and Trevor Wilson won his third straight start as San Francisco sent visiting Pittsburgh to its fourth consecutive loss.

With the Giants trailing, 2-1, Clark hit a two-run homer off Doug Drabek. San Francisco added four runs in the eighth on Matt Williams's bases-loaded triple and Jim McNamara's RBI single.

Cardinals 7, Braves 2: Felix Jose drove in three runs and had two hits as St. Louis ended a 10-game losing streak in Atlanta dating to Aug. 30, 1990. The Cardinals won for the seventh time in nine games

overall.

Phillies 4. Astros 3. In Philadelphia. Dave Hollins had the first two-homer game of his career and Curt Schilling allowed three hits in six shutout innings, his first start since Sept. 6, 1989, when he was with Baltimore.

Hollins hit a solo home run off Butch Henry in the third and added a two-run homer in the fifth.



Pitching for the first time in 21 months, Bert Blyleren, 41, said be "threw O.K." But the Angels lost.

Rookie Leads Twins Past Jays

Pat Mahomes knew he had the early edge on the Toronto Blue Jays. He just decided not to give it back. Mahomes, in only his fifth major-league start, allowed four singles over seven innings to lead the Minne-sota Twins to their fourth straight victory and minth in their last 10 games with a 7-1 triumph in Toronto. "The first time through the order they didn't know

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much about me." said Mahomes, who struck out five and walked three in his longest career outing. "The pitcher usually has the advantage in that situation. The next time through the order, I had a lead and that allowed me to stick to my fastball."

Chuck-Knoblauch, who went 2 for 2 with an RBI and two runs scored, got the Twins going early, leading off the game with a triple.

could not climb out of. White Sox 2, Royals 1: In Chicago, Charlie Hough won for the first time in five starts this season after entering the contest with a 5.96 ERA. Hough got his a two-run homer in the fifth.

Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run
homer in the eighth off Barry

196th major-league victory, limiting the Royals to six
singles in 6% innings. Robin Ventura's first-inning
sacrifice fly and Craig Grebeck's second-inning RBI Jones. Mitch Williams got six outs single provided the runs against Kevin Appier.

six-game losing streak against Milwaukee as Cecil Fielder drove in two runs. The Brewers, who managed just three hits, are 13-3 in their last 16 games at Tiger

Yankees 5. Angels 4: In New York. Bert Blyleven, 41. returned to the pitcher's mound for the first time since Aug. 10, 1990. He gave up home runs to the Yankees' Mel Hall and Kevin Maas, but was able to throw his curveball for strikes. Blyleven allowed three runs on eight hits and two

walks. He left after six innings, trailing by 3-2. The Yankees won the game in the 10th on a single by Randy Velarde with the bases loaded. Rich Monteleone (2-0) pitched two perfect innings for the victory.
Rangers 8, Indians 7: In Cleveland, the Rangers scored five runs in the final two innings. In the ninth, Ruben Sierra hit a two-run homer, then Dean Palmer

singled home the go-ahead run.
Red Sox 7, Mariners 5: In Boston, the Red Sox won Randy Bush got the first of two sacrifice flies to a seesaw battle for their ninth in a row over Seattle.

Score Knoblauch and put Dave Stieb in a hole that he Boston, trailing 3-2 went ahead 5-3 with three runs in Boston, trailing 3-2, went ahead 5-3 with three runs in the sixth, then allowed Seattle to tie it in the seventh. But in the bottom of the inning. Tony Pena scored the tie-breaking run on Calvin Jones's wild pitch. Wade Boggs followed with a sacrifice fly.

Athletics 5. Orioles 3: In Baltimore, the Athletics used five pitchers and a Jose Canseco home run to hand Baltimore its third straight loss on a five-hitter. Canseco had gone % at-bats with just one home run until he led Tigers 3, Brewers 0: In Detroit, the Tigers snapped a off the seventh with a drive off Storm Davis.

Blazers and Bulls Easy Victors

Cavs Flat In Opener In Chicago

By Harvey Araton
New York Times Service
CHICAGO — It was something

like the first beautiful day of spring after a long blustery winter. The Chicago Bulls went out for a walk, found all roads paved and wound up taking a pleasant, leisurely jog. In fairness to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who were easily beaten, 103-89, Tuesday night in Game 1 of the National Basketball Association Eastern Conference finals, they were on the road at Chicago Stadium against the defending champi-ons just 48 hours after eliminating the Boston Celtics with a seventhgame victory that was perhaps the biggest in that franchise's undistin-

guished history. But while this was just the first game of a series that must develop its own identity, there was an air of inevitability to this game that did not exist in the Bulls' previous se-ries against the Knicks until the fourth quarter of Game 7.

The Bulls led by 20 points in the second quarter and the Cavaliers never got closer than 7 in the fourth. The Bulls made all 19 of their free throws, an NBA playoff record, and, in reaching the 100-point mark, accomplished in one ame what took them seven against the Knicks.

There was token bumping, little bruising and no trash talking. Michael Jordan was able to take the ball into the lane at will, scoring 33 points and adding 7 assists.
Under minimal defensive pres-

sure, Scottie Pippen put together 29 points, 12 rebounds, 9 assists, and his outside touch, not coincidentially, reappeared.

"We were allowed to execute on the floor a little bit better," said the Bulls' coach, Phil Jackson, "Their style of play is diametrically opposed to what New York is all about. They're a finesse team and a ball-movement team."

Translation: The Cavaliers are not a bunch of thugs and play what we think is real basketball.

Not Tuesday night, according to the Cavaliers' coach: Lenny Wilkens, who agreed that his team had not sufficiently recovered from Sunday afternoon, That explained six first-quarter turnovers and the Bulls, getting into their beloved transition, making 15 of their first

"I thought we came out real flat," said Wilkens, "We were really emotionally up for Sunday, and tonight we were just a step behind."
Asked if the Cavaliers should have learned something from the Knicks' success in slowing the Bulls. Wilkens responded with a

question of his own.



left, and Mike Sanders to slam home a dunk for 2 of his 29 points.

asked. "They're not even in the playoffs now.

Even Wilkens agreed that the Cavaliers will not be around much longer, unless they pick up their defensive pressure.

"I guarantee we'll be a lot stronger the next game," he said, referring to Thursday night's second game in Chicago.

The likelihood is that they will though, clearly, the Cavaliers will allow the Bulls to be the team with which everyone is more familiar. "You have to play the way you play," Wilkens said.

That will suit Jordan — and to a greater extent Pippen — just fine.
"It was really calm, no flagrant fouls, no clogging of the middle."

Jordan said, in an unintentional indictment of the Cavaliers.

Jordan has always considered it something of an insult that the Cavaliers do not double team bim when he has the ball. What's wrong with them, he's wondered? Would they rather lose the game than a bit of Craig Ehlo's pride?

Jordan exploded for a careerhigh 69 points against the Cavaliers on March 30, 1990. Ehlo bragged that he held Jordan "under 70."

Ehlo again drew the lonely-asnment of defending against Jor-

played their overall team defense, with poor rotation and little prevention of Jordan and Pippen getting inside, it would not have mattered what scheme Wilkens tried. One problem the Cavaliers face is that the players being guarded by Jordan and Pippen — Ehlo and Michael Sanders — are not likely to

fatigue the Chicago superstars. ■ Rockets to Name Coach

Rudy Tomjanovich, the Houston Rockets interim coach for the past three months, was expected to be named head coach on Wednesday, The Associated Press reported.

Houston television stations and newspapers reported Tuesday that Tomjanovich, who replaced Don Chaney on Feb. 18 after Chaney was fired, would sign a three-year

Tomjanovich played II seasons for the Rockets and was an assistant coach for nine seasons. He guided the Rockets to a 16-14 record in the final two months of this season.

The Rockets started out with an 11-4 record under Tomjanovich before a controversy that led to the suspension of center Hakeem Olajuwon distracted the team and ston finished out of the play-"After the Knicks' success?" he dan, but the way the Cavaliers offs for the first time since 1983. game series Friday night.

Hot Porter Powers Rout Of the Jazz

PORTLAND. Oregon — The crowd chanted "Terry! Terry!" and This is Clyde Drexler's team. But to this night, and for much of the playoffs, they have been the Porter and I and Trail Blazers.

Terry Porter continued his torrid playoff performance, scoring a cacac reer-high 41 points on Tuesday, to be lead Portland to a 119-102 victory. over the Utah Jazz and a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Tonight he was just on fire. said the Portland coach, Rick Adel ... man. "He was making 3s. He was 1st making jumpers with John Stock," it strong to the basket. You can't have been seen to the basket. You can't have been seen to the basket. play a better game than Terry of played."
Drexler was no slouch, either.

"Clytie had a monster game"
too. Adelman said. "He had 36; points and 12 assists. Of course every time he threw it to Terry, he

Adelman marveled at his team's guard play.

guard play.

"It was just amazing for me to" watch," Adelman said. "I just kind a of sat there in awe. They were just "in the control of sat here in awe.

Porter made 12 of 14 field goals, including four of five 3-pointers. Whe was also 13 for 14 at the four 13

scary," Porter said. "I don't think it's humanly possible to be any hoter than I was tonight."

It was the hottest night of a sime id mering playoffs for Porter. In 11.... games, be is 26 for 44 from 3-point

Porter's previous career high was -1 40 points, against Golden State on 57 March 18, 1988. His best playoff 75 performance had been 38 points, in a double-overtime game against it San Antonio in 1990.

Porter, who made a club-record. 6 of 8 3-pointers in Game 1, be, came the third Portland player to score more than 40 points in a playage off game and the first to do it in a ? nonovertime game.

"That's pretty impressive, say," Porter said.

In the two games against Utah, he has made 20 of 26 shots, including 10 of 13 from 3-point range.

Stockton usually stayed close to Porter, but the Portland playmakes V was so hot it did not matter. Unlike Game I, when Utah was a blown out early, the Jazz stayed close most of the way Tuesday.

Stockton and Karl Malone, who both had sub-par performances in s

Game I, were better in Game 2.

Karl Malone scored 25 points.

Stockton had 24 and Jeff Malone. added 21 for the Jazz, who return

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Penguins Serve Bruins Notice: Lemieux's Back

The Associated Press

Lemieux, returning from a bro-ken left hand two weeks earlier

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS than predicted, scored two goals and set up another Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Bos-ton Bruins, 5-2, to take a 2-0 series lead in the National Hockey

League Wales Conference finals.

The Bruins are back in Boston for Game 3 on Thursday, but Lemieux is back for the Penguins. Did Lemieux take a huge risk by returning prematurely from a seri-

"He said it was a bigger risk if he didn't play and we lose and the series is I-1." said the Penguins' coach, Scotty Bowman, After he was slashed May 4 by the New York Rangers' Adam

Graves, Lemieux was supposed to

be out from four to six weeks.

When a fitted cast and protective signed by a specialist flown in from Miami gave him extended

mobility. Lemieux realized four or 113 PITTSBURGH — Mario Le. five days ago he would back soon, in the metric is a likely candidate for the hockey hall of fame. The medical would not play until Game 5; he is wore sweat clothes during Tuess. hall of fame may get him first.

Bad back, broken hand, separated shoulder, it makes no difference.

No doctor, no defense can stop Lemieux.

Lemieux, returning from a bro-

Murray's goal just 59 seconds into the first period, but the Bruins could not sustain the lift generated in by the lead or by all-star Ray Bourque's return from three games off ,, with a broken finger.

Bourgne was called for charging Jaromir Jagr at 3:39, a penalty that

drastically altered the momentum.
The Bruins never managed a shof in the final 18 minutes of the period —and got just two overall —as the Penguins rallied for a 2-1 lead on goals by Troy Loney and Jagr, who scored for the fourth straight game. Lemieux, his ice time and confidence increasing with every shift, set up Rick Tocchet to make it 3-1

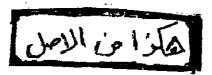
at 11:35 of the second with Bour-

que off again for interfering with Adam Oates's fifth goal of the playoffs got the Bruins back in it at 9:43 of the third. But with Dave Poulin off for tripping Tocchet, Le-mieux got the first of his two goals, at 12:47; his second came on an empty-netter with time expring.

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We aren't looking for a new friend." scene is now being played out all over America:

"Mom and Dad, you people have been so good to me during my formative years and I have never done anything for you. I want to make it up to you."

"That's very sweet of your son. What do you have in mind?

- "Now that I've graduated and must behave like an adult. I'd like to give you my dog Sandy." "For keeps?"

"Yes, Mom, forever. He's yours unless I change my "But you've

only had him for Buchwald tour months. Don't you want to keep him a little

"I do, but I have to think of the dog. He'd be much happier with you. Around me he'd be with someone who blows in from Wisconsin one day and out to Katmandu the next. In your house, he'd have a

Spike Lee Gets **Funding for Film**

NEW YORK — Spike Lee has announced that a number of prominent blacks have donated an undisclosed amount of money to

help complete work on his forth-coming film. "Malcolm X." He said the donors were Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Pring Janet Jackson and Peggy Cooper Ca-fritz, the founder of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

Lee said he had been "forced" to seek outside help to finish the movie after the Completion Bond Co., which assumed financial control in January, refused to approve any more expenditures. At the time costs on the film, mitially budgeted at \$28 million, had climbed to nearly \$33 million. Lee says final costs for the movie may run above \$40

"Ordinarily you have a right to feel that way, but Sandy is different. He's young and frisky, and in a few months he will be housebroken and you can let him have the run of the place. Sandy can't do much damage as long as you show him who's boss."

"Son, I'm sure that you have thought this through, but has it ever occurred to you that if we were in the market for another dog we know where to get one?"

"That's what the guys at school said you would say, But, Dad, I'm not only giving you my dog. I'm also giving you his dish. You will have no expense whatsoever. Sandy would be really upset if I gave him to strangers. In this house he will sniff my scent and know that he is living where his master once did. Please don't look a gift dog in the mouth.

"Why did you get Sandy if you had no intention of keeping him?" "Because I love animals and I had every intention of keeping him until he are the drapes in my girl's aparlment."

She must have been upset. "But, son, we already have a dog go. But that's not why I am giving go. But that's not why I am giving you the dog. I'm presenting him to you because I believe that Sandy will help you and Mom — he'll give you a reason to talk to each other." "We get along fine now."

> "Dogs can work miracles for people when it comes to communicating. I learned that in Psych 204." "Would you be offended if we

didn't keep the dog?"
"Why should I be offended? Maybe some drug dealer will find him and make him his pet." "If we don't take him, are you

just going to kick him out in the "It isn't my decision, it's yours. If

something so that he doesn't hate "All right, we'll keep the dog, but you take him back as soon as you

you don't want him. I'll have to do

break up with your girl."
"Glory be. I'm blessed with the best mother and father in the whole wide world. If you hadn't raised me to be a mature, responsible person. I would never have had the guts to adopt the puppy in the first place."

New Life for Babelsberg Studio

By Stephen Kinzer

TUTTGART - The giant Babelsberg I studio in Potsdam, where some of the world's most memorable films were made, has been sold to a French conglomerate that hopes to turn it into one of the world's largest and most modern film, television and radio production centers.

The buyer, Compagnie Generale des Eaux, known as CGE, is the largest film producer in France but is known principally as a real estate developer.

According to an agreement reached this week, the company will take over a sprawling lot in the Berlin suburb with more than 100 buildings, enormous amounts of movie paraphernalia, including 650,000 costumes and 2,000 wigs, and a large, experienced staff. On the cavernous sound stages, performers like Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich and Peter Lorre made the movies that brought them worldwide fame, coached by directors like Fritz Lang and Josef von Sternberg.

Officials of the French company say they will invest more than \$600 million in the decaying studio. They plan is to turn it into a kind of European Hollywood that will produce not only feature films, but also documentaries, animated films, music videos, advertisements and radio and television

The new owners also plan to build a film school, boarding houses for actors and technicians, and a hotel and restaurant complex on the 10.600-acre (4,300-hectare) site, which is less than half an hour's drive from down-

The film director Volker Schlöndorff was an active supporter of the CGE bid and is expected to be named to help supervise the studio's renovation. Another prominent German director. Wim Wenders, said he was "very, very happy" about the sale.

The Babelsberg studio opened in 1912, at the dawn of the film era. Among the classics produced there in its first two decades were "The Blue Angel," "Metropolis" and "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari."

During the Nazi era, the studio churned out scores of propaganda films. After World War II, when Potsdam became part of the Soviet occupation zone and later part of East Germany, it continued to produce propaganda, this time glorifying communism rather

But under communism, the studio was also the scene of artistic conflict between unorthodox directors and East Germany's hard-line leaders. For a time, the East German government encouraged directors to follow their creative instincts, but when the directors began to produce films critical of the government they were muzzled. Some of their films sat on shelves for years and were released

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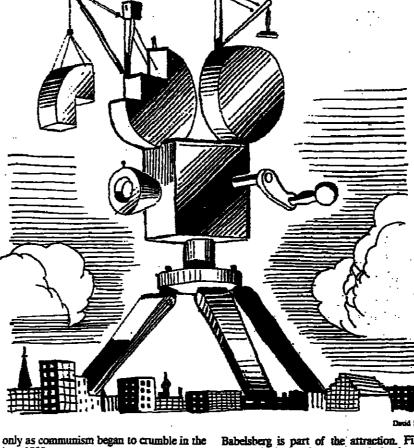
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After German unification in 1990, Babelsberg and its parent company, DEFA, became the property of the Treuhandanstalt, a government agency created to sell thousands of companies that had been owned by the East

The Treuhand, as it is known, received dozens of bids. It slowly reduced the field and announced its choice of CGE on Tuesday in Berlin. The purchase price was not disclosed.

"This is not a normal development project." said Eberhard Sinnecker, the Treuhand official who directed the long negotiations with the French company and other bidders. The studio has not only a unique history. but also an ideal location."

"We have found enormous interest in this project all across Europe." Sinnecker said. Germans tell us that a revitalized Babelsberg could be the catalyst to pull German film out of its provincialism, and people in other countries say they would love to work at a studio where everything they need is ready for them.

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Babelsberg is part of the attraction. Film people think there's some magic in the air

In the last two years, the Trephand has spent several million dollars to keep the studio alive while a buyer was being sought. Films and television shows are still being made there. Among the features now in production is a spy thriller directed by John Schlesinger and starring Isabella Rossellini and Anthony Hopkins.

The studio's managers have also made some money by inviting the public in for tours, the way some Hollywood studios do. The tours have proved popular, with busloads of stu-dents and adults visiting old sets, including a pirate town, a turn-of-the-century Berlin bouevard and a Scandinavian farm village built for the film "Pelle the Conqueror."

But the studio remains much quieter than it was a few years ago. Of the 2,300 people who worked there while the Communists were in power, only about 700 remain. The new owners have guaranteed the jobs of all current employees and say they will build the staff up 2,500 by the year 2000, said Marianne Mielke, a spokeswoman for the studio.

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The donation will help a second in distance, the something whispered to the scullery boy. I don't know what to make of here? The donation will help pay for "Corporal Politics," an MIT exhibition scheduled to open in December. "This was absolutely out of the blue," said the MIT museum curator Helaine Posner. The exhibition will show works that include audity and use images of body parts to explore social alienation.

Would you spend your hard-earned cash on a magazine called Ben & Bill's? Bill Regard owner of financially troubled Regardie's magazine, thinks you would. That's why he recently asked Benjamin Bradlee, the former executive editor of The Washington Post, to take over the magazine. All he had to do was put up a million bucks. Bradlee failed to bite, but admitted "You've got chutapah." Regardie said. Asked if he was still weighing the offer, Bradlee, now a vice president of The Washington Post Co., said jok-ingly: "How about just Ben's?"

Celebraties and fashion designers joined American Indians at a benefit party Monday night at New York's Amazon Village nightchib to raise money for the rain forest. The Don't Bungle the Jungle II party raised about \$150,000 for the Companion of Arts and Nature, a foundation established to work with native peoples. Chief Oren Lyons of the Onondaga nation led a sundown ritual that was followed by a sitdown dinner for 600 guests who included John F. Kennedy Jr., the rock singer Deborah Harry, the model Elle Macpherson, Calvin, Kelly Klein, Barry Diller, Disne Von Furstenberg and Jann Wen-

Laurel Fortuner says writing the best bad fiction is not hard work. And she should know. On Tuesday. she was awarded the annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction contest in San Jose, California, for the worst Her line: "As the newest Lady Tumpot descended into the kitch-

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The approach of Johnny Car-son's final Tonight Show on Friday has people lining up in Burbank, California, for tickets There's an enormous anticipation. that somehow their life is going to be different after Friday," said an NBC spokesman. Jay Leno takes over on Monday.

Bill Cosby joked to University of Maryland graduates that they should sue their alma mater because it has left them unprepared for the menial jobs they are likelyto get upon graduation. "There are
no courses in valet parking waitressing and grinding coffee," he
said at the school's commencement. The comedian was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Jook Holland, a British producer, is working with the three surviving members of the Beatles, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison, as well as John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, to make a seven-part television series telling the story of the group. The first of the 90-minute films, to be called The Long and Winding Road, would be ready for screening next year and the others would follow at three-month intervals. П.

The 1991 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development had been awarded posthumously o her son, the former opening line of an imaginary novel prime minister Rajiv Gamili, it was announced in New Delhi on Wednesday, the eve of the first anen wrapped only in her celery- niversary of Rajiv's assassmation.

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